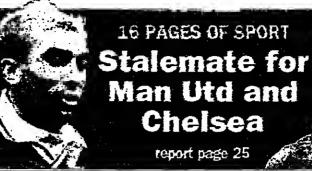
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Hague launches **'kitchen** table' Toryism

IN A striking shift of thinking, William Hague has ordered all members of his Shadow Extinct to adopt a new political approach known as "kitchen table conservatism".

The essence of the Tory initigive will be a major change in political and presentational emphasis. The leadership will now focus on core issues known to be of central importance to the electorate and address those subjects in similar-

ly direct language. Shadow Cabinet members have been told that they must stop attempting to defend the last Conservative administra-tion, be more willing to admit that mistakes were made un-der Margaret Thatcher and John Major, and then move on o discuss new Conservative

The new strategy has seven. campaigning criteria". These are the use of language that resonates with voters; a willimmess to listen; an emphasis on the future not the past; a readiness to concede past failings and to move on; being for things as well as against them: maintaining a sense of proportion while criticising the Goverament; and the importance of absolute integrity.

Mr Hague wants the Tories

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to escape the comparison with their own past and to refocus the contrast on new Labour. Opinion poll evidence indi-cates that the electorate still sees the current Shadow Cabinet more as representatives of the last Tory regime than an alternative Government

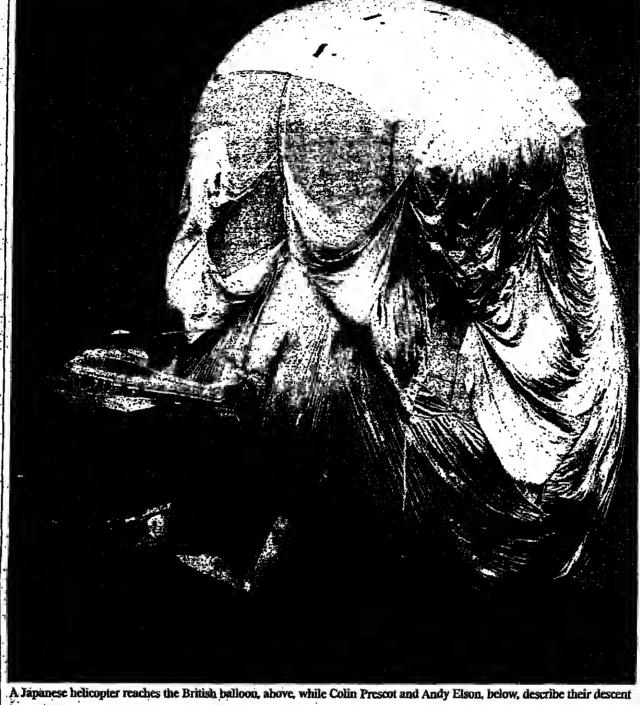
The phrase "kitchen table" is drawn from the political vocabulary of the United States and is the rough equivalent of bread and butter issues. The label reflects the American influence of many Conservative Central office figures and was perhaps re-inforced by Mr Hague's own visit to the US

last month.
The "kincheo table" emphasis also reflects Mr Hague's belief that under Margaret Thatcher, and especially John obsessed with economics and abstract economic language of 'markets" in education and the NHS that meant little to ordinary voters, and, in so far as it meant anything sounded like the dictionary of the bureaucrat and manager.

The shift by the Conservatives is a tacit recognition that under New Labour the old distinctions between "Left" and Right" have become blurred. Mr Blair's emphasis on "what matters is what works" is believed to have had a powerful impact on middle-of-the-road

Mr Hague will, therefore: put a lot more emphasis on devising and promoting practi-cal alternatives to Labour's "early pledges" on class sizes and NHS waiting lists.

This will be seen as a shift to the political centre even though many of the individual programmes that the Tories might propose could be considered radical and "right wing". It also reflects the Tory leader's desire to promote decentralisation of key services - in Continued on Page 2, col 5



Longest balloon trip ends in sea

BY SUSIE STEINER AND ROBERT WHYMANT

THE world's longest balloon journey came to an abrupt end yesterday when the all-British Cable & Wireless balloon team were forced to ditch into the ocean off the coast of Japan.

Last night the remaining round-the world challenger the Breitling Orbiter 3 - was continuing on its course over the Middle East, while attempts were under way to retrieve the 200 ft Cable & Wireless balloon from the Pacific.

Pilots Andy Elson, 45, of Wells, Somerset, and Colin Prescot. 48, of Stockbridge, Hampshire, leapt into water from their floating capsule at 4am yesterday. The balloon



had been forced down by driv-ing snow and the team had to he plocked to safety by a Japa-

nese military helicopter. Despite failure in the last great aviation challenge, the pair achieved a new endur-

ance record for the longest hot air balloon flight, previously .

set at ten days. Mr Prescot and Mr Elson managed 18 days in the air. completing 12,000 miles of the 18,000-mile round trip -- 3,000 miles short of American Steve Fossett's distance record.

Speaking from an air base in Hamamatsu, Japan, yesterday, Mr Prescot told how he and Mr Elson had navigated down to about 100 ft above water level as a storm whipped up around them.

"Andy did a fantastic job of the landing," said Mr Prescot. We got it down very gently, which was a relief because it could have been nasty."

While Mr Prescot and Mr Elson now face the sad task of sitting through the wreckage of their attempt, one woman expressed her relief. Mr Elson's mother, Phyllis,

said that said she was disappointed for her son but added: "I hope he doesn't try it again."

Film director Stanley Kubrick dies aged 70

By CAROL MIDGLEY, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

STANLEY KUBRICK, the reclusive and obsessive director behind 2001: A Space Odyssey and A Clockwork Orange, died yesterday at his home in Hertfordshire. He was 70.

A doctor was called to Child-wickbury Manor, a sprawling estate near St Albans, where Mr Kubrick lived with his wife Christiane. Police said they were not treating the death as suspicious.

The director, who exhausted many actors and film-makers with his exacting standards it was not uncommon for him to demand 50 takes from his actors, had been working on an erotic thriller, Eves Wide Shut, starring Nicole Kidman and Tom Cruise, at London's Pinewood studios. The film is due to be released in July.

A spokesman for the family said: "Stanley Kubrick died in the early hours of the morning. There will be no further comment at this time." Last night Ms Kidman and Mr Cruise released a statement, which said: "He was like family to us and we are it: shock and devastated "

Mr Kabrick, who shunned the glamourous life of Hollywood and rarely left his home, was regarded as a phenomenon in modern cinema; in 31 years he produced ten feature and 14 nominations. His films included Lolita, Dr Strangelove, Spartacus and Full Metal Jacket.

His death could raise the question of whether A Clockwork Orange, the screen adapatadon of Anthony Burgess's bleak and violent novel, is released in Britain again. In 1973

Mr Kubrick withdrew the film from circulation in Britain after it provoked copycat attacks. However, this may now be reviewed. Mr Kubrick first established himself as one of Ameri-

ca's top directors in 1957 with Paths of Glory, a film about the French Army during the First World War. Barry Norman, the film crit-

ic, said last night: "This has come as a real shock, especially because Mr Kubrick has only just finished his new film. There was no suggestion that there was anything awry. He was an extraordinary filmmaker. He was incredibly meticulous in all his films, which took him an average of two to He added: "I knew him a lit-

tle. He was a very reclusive man and refused to fly. That's why his films were made in Britain - even Full Metal Jacket, set in Vietnam, was filmed in this country. He was a great Anglophile and lived here since the 1960s."

Michael Winner, the director, said Mr Kubrick was a recluse because he "believed the world outside was really like in A Clockwork Orange. He saw no reason to leave the house." Mr Winner said he had known Mr Kubrick for 30 years and had never known him to suffer ill health.

Sadly, he had been about to invite Mr Kubrick to receive this year's lifetime achieve ment award from the Director's Guild of Great Britain. The loss to the world of cine-



Kubrick: won eight Oscars from ten feature films

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ma is incalculable." Mr Winner said. "He will be remembered as one of the greatest since evolved."

Mark Batey, spokesman for the Briosh Film Institute, said: This is a huge loss to the filmmaking community. He was one of the landmark directors of the century who helped to define cinema."

Despite his quality, there are actors who loathe him. John Baxter, his biographer. said of Mr Kubrick: "Actors are drawn to him because of his undoubted skills and mysoque, but they only work for

Kirk Douglas who worked with him on Spartacus called him a "cold bastard". Harvey Keitel walked out of producoon on Eyes Wide Shut, clong "artistic differences".

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United mourn

MANCHESTER United football club were in mourning yesterday for Dennis Viollet, their former captain and most prolific championship goal scorer, who died at his home in Florida of a brain tumour,

A survivor of the Munich air disaster in February 1958, Viollet set Manchester United's championship goalscoring record, with 32 goals in the 1959-60 season. Violict was capped three times for England. In 291

games he scored 178 goals for United, before being trans-ferred in 1961 to Stoke where he made another 182 appearances, scoring 59 times. Subsequently, he played in

the United States for the Baltimore Bays, then returned to Britain to play in Northern Ireland for Linfield. He acted as coach to Preston and Crewe before finishing his career with the Washington

Southgate gets £800,000 pay-off Sir Colin Southgate, chair-

man of the Royal Opera House, is to receive £800,000 from EMI, the music publishing and recording group, for standing down as their chairman with a year of his contract to run_Page 48

Newcastle win

Newcastle won through to the FA Cup semi-finals bearing Everton 4-L The holders, Arsenal, will meet Chelsea or Manchester United.....Pages 25. 29

Heroic bobby in New York shoot-out FROM JAMES BONE

IN NEW YORK A BRITISH policeman on holiday in America became the hero of a New York crime dra-

ma at the weekend when he dodged a bullet to catch two bandits in central Manhattan. Howard Groves, 41, a deputy inspector in the Metropolitan Police, intervened when he and his girlfriend, Rachel Dou-

hle, left their hotel on Saturday morning. The couple saw the two men

trying to rob a worker opening a shop. They pistol-whipped their victim but failed to get any cash. "I felt I had to do something," Inspector Groves

told a local newspaper. "I

couldn't just walk away." As the gunmen tried to make their escape. Inspector Groves sent Miss Double back into the hotel for help while he and the hotel clerk followed the two. The robbers spotted the Briton, who is oft 2in, and the clerk on their tail and one of them fired a shot.

"As soon as I saw the flash, I saw the cop down on the floor," the hotel clerk said. "That's when I thought I better get down too."

As police began to arrive, Inspector Groves flagged down a squad car, flashed his Metropolitan Police idenofication card and joined the search.

"It made me think we were in an American movie," he said. "There was a sea of policemen, and they were all heavily armed."

The police caught up with

tion where one of them fled on to the tracks. But Inspector Groves suddenly found himself confronted by the other and wrestled him to the ground, grabbing a 9mm pistol from the man's belt.

Cedric Reid, 36, was arrested and charged with attempted robbery, assault and weapons possession.

Inspector Groves confessed that he was a bit shocked by the sudden call to duty. "I've never been fired at," he said.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Nott leads

Hague's

euro fight

Sir John Nott, the Defence

Secretary during the Falk-lands war, has been recruited

by William Hague to marshal

the case for rejecting the euro. Sir John will chair the Con-

servatives' commission charged

with presenting the positive

case for the UK to remain outside the single currency. Mr Hague will formally intro-duce Sir John when at the

iaunch today of the commis-sion, which will be asked to examine the potential constituoonal and economic opportunities open to the country out-

The move reflects caution in Tory high command that the party's case against the euro will be weakened if it relies solely on negative arguments.

Heads cautious on A-level reform Schools should refuse to implement A-level reforms until universities show that they

will award degree places on the basis of the new curricu-lum, head teachers are to be

told. Proposals are being final-

ised for students to take five

subjects in their first year in

the sixth-form, but the Second-

ary Heads Association says schools cannot afford to offer

five per pupil, and il quenes

whether the new system will

Air hostess takes

An air hostess who was slashed with a vodka bottle by

a passenger is taking legal ac-

be of sufficient depth.

legal action

side the euro zone.

IMF praises Brown's 'skilful' economic dexterity

Roland Watson and Graham Searjeant on the annual health check of the economy

GORDON BROWN received a pre-Budget fillip yesterday when the International Monetary Fund praised his "skilful management" of the economy and predicted that Britain would emerge virtually unscathed from a "short-lived" downturn.

The IMF, the world's economic watchdog, said the Chancellor's policy of setting clear public targets for the economy had helped the UK keep a lid on inflation while sustaining growth. It was an approach which "could offer useful lessons for other advanced and developing

countries", said the Washington-

based body. In its annual health check on the UK economy, the IMF predicted that growth in 1999 would dip to 0.8 per cent, slightly below Mr Brown's one per cent target, with unemployment rising to five per cent from 4.7

But IMF officials expect inflation to hit the Chancellor's 2.5 per cent target, down from 2.6 per cent.

They also see a clear case for the Bank of England resuming its recent run of interest rate cuts from the current 5.5 per cent, "to avoid an excessive weakening of economic ac-

Although the LMF concedes that momentum will slow this year, its report states: "The soundness of past policies has left fiscal and especially monetary policies well placed to deal promptly and decisively with

ed to use the IMF report as evidence that an imminent soft landing will allow him to launch a "new economic platform" for the UK.

In a package billed as a Budget for "jobs, enterprise and the family". the Chancellor is expected to unveil a range of tax cuts for both the unem-ployed and low paid, as well as for wealthy entrepreneurs, especially in the high-tech sector.

Mr Brown is expected to grab headlines by setting a date for the iotroduction of his much-trailed 10p starting rate of tax, designed to help the low-paid. He also has in his sights the phased abolioon of mortgage tax relief, Miras, and the tax-

Mr Brown was still finalising the details yesterday, but the Budget's "green" measures were believed to

ing of child benefit for higher earn-

for small, fuel-efficient cars and a paving of the way for a carbon tax

on industry.

The Chancellor can afford to offer concessions to favoured groups while still appearing responsible because his revenue has been unexpectedly buoyani and because he is already committed to heavy real increases in duty on petrol and tobac-co over and above adjustments for

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Ministers plan to shake up divorce laws

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS are to go ahead with plans to introduce compulsary "information meetings" for people intending divorce after research found that the controversial sessions could save thousands of mar-

The Lord Chancellar is expected to announce within weeks a date next year for implementing the main elements of the Family Law Act 1996. which will scrap the "quickle" divorce and bring in a one-year "cooling off" period, There has been widespread

dehate over the feasibility of the compulsory meetings. which will offer couples marriage guidance as well as advice on how to proceed with a divorce. But three substantial sets of research findings show that they can help save mar-

The findings, drawn from 14 pilot projects conducted over over the past two years, show that nearly one in five people take up the offer of a meeting a marriage counsellor, which is free to those who qualify under a means test. Sixty per cent of those decided to go ahead with counselling, half of them with their parmers.

The research adds credibility to the main aim of the legislation as promoted by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the previous Lord Chancellor, which is to "save saveable marriag-

The pilot projects also found that, despite initial sceptism about the benefit of the meetings, more than 90 per cent of people said that they were useful. One researcher said: "We have enough evidence to say that these individual meetings can work, people do appreciate them. So the Government could go ahead and after that decide on whether fine-tuning is needed.

Under the Family Law Act, couples will have to attend an information meeting at least three months before they start divorce proceedings.

Officials have been studying whether they could amend the Act to allow for group meetings, or to tailor the meetings to those who wanted solely counselling or information. but ministers are believed to have decided that they do not want to delay the implementation of the act any further.

One Government official said: "If we start to introduce more and more changes . . . by the time it would take to do this, there is an argument that it is probably not worth do-

The pilot projects have been run by organizations such as Relate or by family mediation and marriage guidance groups. Their findings are being analysed by Professor Jan Walker at Newcastle University's Centre for Family Studies, and will be published this summer. Another study is investi-gating the cost of providing the information meetings, but

no figures are available so far. The research has also gone to the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Board on Family Law under Sir Thomas Boyd-Carpenter, which has been set up to oversee implementation of the

The implementation of the Family Law Act amounts to the biggest shake-up of divorce law in decades. A main aim is to encourage couples to settle disputes over children and finances amicably and outside the courts.

Divorce disputes last year cost taxpapers E61 million in legal aid, and the Act will encourage greater use of mediation, which will be free for couples who qualify for legal aid. The Act will also scrap the present "fault"-based divorce laws and bring in a 12-month "cooling off" period for couples - 18 months for those with children.

In general divorces will not be granted until arrangements about children and finances have been settled.



Ready for a tour of Britain: Monica Lewinsky arriving at Heathrow Airport yesterday

Lewinsky fails to win friends

FROM DAMIAN WHITWORTH' IN WASHINGTON

AS Monica Lewinksy embarks on a British charm offensive today, she can only hope she has more success rehabilitating her image in Essex and Sheffield than she has managed at home.

The former White House trainee flew into London last night ready to begin a lengthy book-signing tour with an appearance at Harrods. In America, opinion polls showed that viewers were unim-pressed by the story she told in her telev-sion interview with Barbara Walters, in-tended as the chief gamble in a campaign

to win sympathy and understanding. But a poll published in Time today shows that 72 per cent of those interviewed have an unlavourable impression of her, a negligible drop from the 78 per cent who had such a view of her back in September when the Starr Report was published. Only 15 per cent think well of her and 74 per cent think she is enjoying the attention of her media blitz. A Newsweek poll showed that her image had improved with 8 per cent of Americans.

Whether or not she is liked in Britain, she will be hard to avoid. Her 18-day tour will take her to 19 bookshops from Bristol to Edinburgh including the Lakeside shop-

ping centre at Thurrock, Essex, to promote Andrew Morton's Monica's Story. The first excerpts were published yesterday of a book by George Stephanopoulos, Mr Clinton's former aide, about his time in the White House. "If I knew everything then that I know now, I wouldn't have worked for him," he said in an interview. "He has accomplished more than I ever thought humanly possible. But he lost the battle with himself, tarnished his presidency and all of us associated with it." ☐ Hillary Clinton will not accompany the President on a goodwill tour of Central America this week because of a recurring

tion against her former em-

ployer. Fauna Weir has joined a rival airline since the attack on an Airtours charter last October, after she asked a man to stop smoking. The case is believed to centre on Miss Weir's sick leave and her employment with the airline after the incident. Airtours declined to comment on the le-gal action.

Soldiers held over Nazi link

Two soldiers, one from The Parachute Regiment, who are suspected of links to the vioit neo-Nazi group Combat 18, were released on bail after being questioned by police military investigators. Fourteen homes were raided across the country as part of a year-long investigation by po-lice. Scotland Yard said the searches were carried out un-der a section of the Public Order Act 1986 that covers acts in-

Man's best friend visits Ernie Wise



The comedian Ernie Wise, 73. has been reunited with his dog Molly, a ten-year-old Scottie, in England after being discharged from hospital in Florida Doreen Wise, his wife, said from the couple's home in Maidenhead, Berkshire, that he was on the mend after his return in an air ambulance on Wednesday. Mr Wise underwent a triple heart bypass operatioo in a Fort Lauderdale hospital in

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Doctors' mistakes cost £67m

By IAN MURRAY MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

DAMAGES totalling £67 million were paid to patients last year for mistakes or negligence by doctors insured through the Medical Defence Union, which represents about half of the 130,000 regis-

tered practitioners in Britain.
In a review published today, the MDU says doctors are practising in an increasingly litigious environment and that claims against them have been rising at 15 per cent

"We see no evidence of a fall in clinical standards." the report says. "Instead we see common themes arising out of claims. These are related to failures in procedures and systems such as poor clinical records, training and supervi-sion issues and failures in using, checking and maintaining equipment and procedures." The report focuses on the

£5.5 million paid out for surgi-cal errors, including a case in which a surgeon left a pair of forceps inside a patient after an operation.

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sharp contrast to the centralism of the Thatcher-Major era

Mr Hague's aim is to reverse current opinion polls

and focus groups which sug-gest that fewer than one in-

five voters believe the Tories

have policies to deal with the is-

50-minute presentation by

Mr Hague at the last Shadow

Cabinet meeting on Wednes-

day. His colleagues were said

to be stunned by the force of

his presentation and the blunt manner in which he laid out

the new strategy. The Tory leader told them that his

'kitchen table conservatism'

was not an optional approach

but a "compulsory purchase".

He also announced that from

sues that worry them most. The strategy was outlined in

Goodwill aid to clean up armies of Third World

OVERSEAS aid is to be used for the first time to back military reforms in Third World countries. Clare Short, the International Development Secretary, is to announce details tomorrow of her plan to help to eliminate brutal, corrupt

and ill-trained forces that blight the lives of millions. Britain's 52.4 billion aid budget will not be used for equipping the armies with military hardware, training of soldiers or military planning. The aim is to introduce human-rights training and to improve the accountability of armed forces to a country's ci-

vilian authority. The Government believes that bloated and repressive se-curity forces are blocking the development of the world's poorest countries. Without action, ministers believe that Briosh cash aid for a new road or a bridge could be wasted. Miss Short will tell the Institute of Defence Studies in London that unless these military

this point onwards "promo-oon and reward" to and with-in the Shadow Cabinet would

depend exclusively on the effec-tiveness of individuals in meet-

ing the new challenges.Of these the argument that the To-ries should "concede and

move on" is the most signifi-

Some Shadow Cabinet mem-

bers are known to be frustrat-

ed that they have not be al-

lowed to float new ideas until

the cumbersome machinery

for reassessing policy set up by

Peter Lilley, the Tory Deputy

Leader, has slowly chewed

The move also represents a

return to Mr Hague's original

emphasis when he first be-

came party leader in June

them over.

Hague's 'kitchen

table' Cabinet

forces face stricter controls, they will become the "seed-beds" for the next round of

Her department is engaged in detailed work with the Ministry of Defence and the For eign Office to bring greater sta-bility to Sierra Leone, helping to draft a new constitution and working out the proper relationships between its defence ministry and the new army.

The new policy front coincides with greater efforts by the Government to prevent the involvement of children in war, to reduce the proliferation of small arms and light weaponry and to build up peace-keeping support in all the developing countries. Last night Paul Eavis, direc

tor of the aid think-tank Safer World, welcomed the new poli-cy. However, he called for a curb on arms sales: "We can't be arguing for restraint on military spending on the one hand and promote arms sales

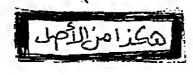
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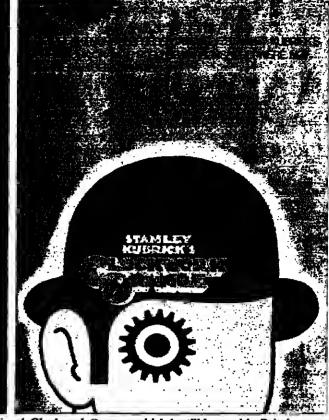
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Big screen milestones: Jack Nicholson slashing his way through The Shining: a scene from the beautiful but impenetrable 2001: A Space Odyssey, and a poster for the subversive A Clockwork Orange, which is still banned in Britain

Kubrick: a cinematic odyssey

WIDELY acclaimed for his intellectual ambitions and his fierce perfectionism, Stanley Kubrick has occupied a unique niche in the film world. While his films have dealt with the threat of dehumanisation - men unhinged by war, or the toys of science - he himself has become increasingly obsessed with the arthouse techniques that are the hallmarks of his great films, often at the expense of character and

Some argue that the lack of such warmth in his most important films was fatal to his claim as a great artist. But few can argue

against the fantastic achievements of his lavishly stylish camera work. In 1961, Kubrick moved to England in search of greater independence from the studios. But he returned the following year for location work on Lolita, a controversial James Christopher celebrates the career of Stanley Kubrick

It raised hackles. What the critics didn't appreciate was the way in which Kubrick was able to sprinkle the bitter cynicism at the heart of the film with a healthy dose of the black humour that had character-ised some of his earlier works.

His penchant for the macabre was perhaps most brilliantly realised in *Dr Strangelove*, in which be treated the possibility of nuclear armageddon as an almighty grim joke. He couldn't have cast a better actor than Peter Sellers as the tightlipped RAF officer, the US president, and the Nazi-like scientist. The result is scary and nightmarish, and far more effective in its portrait of insanity and scream for disarmament than any number of worthy Cold War documentaries.

as excited Kubrick more than cellu-loid personalities. 2001: A Space Odyssey sharply polarised critical To some, this sci-fi journey into

humanity's future was an overblown, impenetrable conundrum. To others, particularly Kubrick's younger fans, it was the ultimate audio-visual trip — a psychedelic ex-perience in tune with the drug culture. Its breathtaking photography and the Academy Award-winning special effects guaranteed its classic

A Clockwork Orange, cited as the year's best film by the New York Film Critics, is a striking, visu-ally brilliant film that provides a chilling vision of a world dominated by anarchic delinquents. Mal-By this stage it was clear that idecolm McDowell's bad boy reputation was comented by his perform-ance as Alex, the leader of the Droogs, a gang who memorably killed a middle-class professor's wife with a giant phallus. It became a cult the moment its British release was mysteriously pulled by Kubrick himself.

Since then, Kubrick has laboured, somewhat unfairly, under the over-hyped subversive legacy it has engendered.

Kubrick was a meticulous filmmaker by any standards. In his later films, he took months, sometimes years, to prepare a single film. He took 300 days to shoot Barry Lyndon, another visually magnificent piece of work, but an often slow adaptation of this minor Thackeray novel.

Kubrick fans was his adaptation of Stephen Kings The Shining. Here Jack Nicholson slashes his

way through a snow-bound hotel. Many didn't think much of Kubrick's odd excursion into the hor-ror-fantasy genre. But the sheer comptiness of the film, with its surre-al nightmarish angles, was as dis-turbing as the pyschopath himself. With Full Metal Jacket, a dour

adaptation of Gustave Hasford's novel, Kubrick returned to the mili-

His Vietnam film is a harrowing account of the dehumanising effects of military training.

Few directors have ever divided critical opinion like Stanley Kubrick. His critics called him pretentious, fussy, intractable. But to many others he is a unique artist with a personal vision matched only by his brilliant way with a

Final film that meant everyone had to wait

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

As a stunned Hollywood mourned Stanley Kubrick yesterday, admirers were left wondering if the extraordinary exertions of his final film may have hastened his death. With few details released about the film-maker's final hours, atten-

tion in the city where he was re-vered as an icon of the post-war era focussed on the marathon production schedule of Eves Wide Shut, a psychological drama starring Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman in which Kubrick's perfectionism reportedly found new extremes.

The director worked ceaselessly for 19 months on a closed set near his St Albans home to create the sexually explicit tale of two psychia-trists married to each other but each myolyed in allairs with their patients. Given unlimited time by Warner Brothers - a sign of respect afforded to no other working director - Kubrick filmed for six times longer than the average studio project requires, exposing a mil-lion feet of celluloid and spending \$65 million (about £40 million), much of which went on accommodating actors in expensive hotels as they waited for scenes to be shot.

Harvey Keitel had to be replaced by Sydney Pollack because after two months of waiting he had to leave to fulfill another commitment. Kidman waited for months at a time, working for barely 12

months of the shoot. Only Kubrick was constantly busy, rehearsing for days for indi-



Kidman: she waited for months in admiration

vidual scenes, according to Alan Cumming, the British actor, and thinking nothing of shooting 60 takes to be sure one would meet his exacting requirements in the editing room. Reports of frayed tempers and expiring patience leaked frequently from the set but Cruise and Kidman have never wavered in their public admiration for his workaholic methods.

The film is to be released in the America on July 16. Warner Bros announced last year. Its gestation will have been short compared with Kubrick's 2001: A Space Odyssey, which took four years to film. But its premiere will be an occa-sion unique in Hollywood history: an unprecedented merging of hype and mourning at which the star of the occasion will be absent.

Career that opened the eyes of filmgoers



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1987: Full Metal Jacket Kubrick's Vietnam movie; full of black irony, madness, and racial bigotry in the ranks of the US Marines. With Matthew Modine and Adam Baldwin.



Dr Strangelove: scary and hilarious

Family burnt beyond recognition

By Peter Gleeson, Stuart Tendler and Annie Flury

POLICE may need up to a week to properly iden-tify the family of seven killed by an arsonist because of the severity of the blaze. Yesterday police said that sophisticated tech-

niques, including DNA testing, may have to be used to identify the two women who were killed, a 22-year-old man and three children. Police have now appealed for anyone who was near the three storey house in the two hours before the fire to come forward. Scotland Yard said that officers were looking at a number of lines of inquiry but refused to comment further.

Detectives from the murder team have also spoken to neighbours of the family in Bellamy Road. Chingford. Essex, and questioned them about any links between members of the family and drugs. One neighbour, who refused to give

his name, said: "Police have been to the home before. This is a council estate and there are quite a few unsavoury characters about. But for God's sake, if someone's got a problem with someone else, let them sort it out between themselves. There's no need to bring an entire family

Linda Lewis, 25, a next-door neighbour, said she would never forget the screams of the children and the sight of a women at the window of

the burning house bleading for help.

She said: "I heard screaming. I thought they were arguing. Then I heard the kids crying. I jumped out of bed and looked out of the window and I saw her screaming to me to help her. "Then the screaming and crying had stopped.

You couldn't see them any more."
Stunned neighbours and friends visited the eerie, charred remains of the family's home to pay their respects to those who had been killed and

more than 100 floral tributes were laid in front of the house. One large bouquet had been left from the firefighters who tackled the fire with a card which read: "Our deepest sympathy from all staff at Chingford Fire Station."

The fire is believed to have been started by

someone who poured petrol through the letterbox and police have removed a red plastic petrol container found at the scene for forensic tests.

Four generations, including a boy aged two and twin four-year-old girls, died in the attack, all from smoke inhalation. Only one person, a 52-year-old grandfather, escaped the blaze. He suffered burns to his hands and was released from hospital yesterday.

Special prayers were said for the victims yesterday in local churches. Detective Superintendent James Moore Sutherland said: "This is a horrific attack on innocents. This is the worst I have seen in 31 years in the job."

Minister to tackle anti-gay behaviour on and off pitch

By ROLAND WATSON, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BANKS, the Sports Minister, is to head a concerted drive against homophobia in football that could result in new laws aimed at banishing anti-gay behaviour on and off the pitch.

The initiative could see players automatically sent off for homophobic abuse, in the same way that racist language has for the first time this season become a red-card of-

Mr Banks made clear yesterday that he wanted to use the exchanges between two England internation-

als, Robbie Fowler and Graeme Le Saux, a week ago to force football clubs and the game's authorines to face up to the issue. "We have a problem and I think we should use this particular incident to have an adult discussion about homopho-

bia in sport," he said. Although he wanted to see what suggestions the game's governing bodies and players' representatives came up with initially, he said that he did not rule out government legislation at a future date.

"This is the start, we are at the be-

ginning of a process. Let's see whether we can resolve this and see what steps we need to take before we decide if we need to go to the argument of legisladon," he told BBCI's Breakfast with Frost.

Mr Banks, talking to The Times, pointed out that Fowler's part in last weekend's incident, which Le Saux, who is married with a baby daughter, complained about, amounted to homophobic incitement and have constituted a breach of the peace had it happened out-

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Teachers demand Woollead inquiry

John O'Leary on reports that the Chief Inspector had an affair with a pupil

LEADERS of teachers' unions called for an inquiry yesterday. into allegations that Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspec-tor of Schools, had an affair with a pupil in his days as a leacher. The move comes after claims from his former wife that he lied about the relation-

ship to save his job. Mr Woodhead issued a public denial last month that be and Amanda Johnston had an affair while they were teacher and pupil at Gordano School. near Bristol, in the 1970s. Both said that a nine-year relationship began only after Nissbohnston had dropped out of Las-Anglia University.

Yesterday, however, the Chief Inspector's former wite. Cathy, insisted that he had earfessed to her in 1976 dust he was having an affair wife a sixth-former. In a lengthy 27th-cle in The Mail on Stocker she claimed that he had men suggested that Ms Johnston should move into the family home with their 15-month-old

daughter. Mrs Woodhead rejected the suggestion and divorced her husband the following tear. She said that she had decleted to break a 23-year silence on the episode because the Chief Inspector's public statements were reffectively denying the re-



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that if his ex-wife is saying he halafol experience". has lied in public, simply for him to say 'no comment' is not an adequate response."

David Hart, general secre-lary of the National Associa-

tion of Head Teachers, said: "I cannot see how the Government can avoid holding an inquiry into the accuracy or otherwise of what the Chief Inspector has been saying. I cannot see how he can stay in his post if it is demonstrated that he lied in public."

The call for a government in-quiry was backed by John Dunford, general secretary of the Secondary Heads Association. "The position of Ofsted, which affects the lives of so

what Mr Woodhead has said is proved not to be true, this is

Legislation now before Parliament would make teachers liable to imprisonment if they had sex with a pupil. It was that which prompted the original row last month, when Mr Woodhead told a student at Exeter University that, though inadvisable, such affairs could be "educative and experiential

on both sides".

The Chief Inspector later apologised for the remark and said that it did not reflect his true feelings. He did not approve of such affairs and, challenged on his own relationship with Ms Johnstoo, insisted that nothing improper had tak-en place while she was a pupil.

Mrs Woodhead said in her article: "At first, I couldn't believe what I was hearing. Then I was simply incensed. Yes, I thought, while you were away being educative and experiential with someone else, I was looking after our baby daugh-ter. He angered me further by repeacing his lies about when the affair started, thus effectively denying the reality of what was for me a profoundly pain-

The couple's daughter, Tamsin. 23, has been staying with



St John Ambulance volunteers help an injured Derby player in the weekend's FA Cup quarter final against Arsenal

St John hit by volunteer shortage

By Susie Steiner

THE St John Ambulance service is launching a national recruitment drive. saying that its future is in doubt after haemorrhaging volunteers at a rate of about 4,000 a year. The service provides first-aid cover at major events, relying oo 57,000 workers to offer their services free.

Philip Gee, director of training and operations, blamed the crisis on the pressures of modern life. "There are more demands on people's time. People work precious and there is so much more they

can do with it nowadays." Referring to a 14 per cent drop in the oumber of young cadets, Mr Gee said: You wonder how many of them are surfing the Net."

Events such as Wimbledon, the Grand Prix at Silverstone, the London Mara-thoo and Nottiog Hill Carnival rely on the presence of St John Ambulance staff to satisfy the legal requirement to provide first aid. The charity does not charge a fee but relies on donations.

The service's volunteers treat about

150,000 casualties a year. St John staff also belped in the clear-up after the Omagh bombing and have provided back-up after terrorist attacks in London. Closure would force eveot organisers to turn to the commercial sector, where one first aider can cost up to £300 per week-end. The cost of replacing the service is es-timated at £40 million a year.

This month's recruitment drive hopes to bring in 5,000 volunteers through increased publicity and open days. The problem is that people won't miss us until we are not there." Mr Gee said.

NEWS IN BRIEF Refilling of to death A man who accidentally set

his clothes on fire while refilling a cigarette lighter died in hospital on Saturday. Christopher Piper, 35. who was with his wife at their home in Fleet. Hampshire, tried to extin-guish the flames but in doing so started three separate fires. A ocighbour's car also caught alight after he climbed out of a window as neighbours tried to douse the flames. Mrs Piper suffered serious burns to her hands and fect.

Girl's last hours the last bours of Rebecca Storrs, 18, found battered to death on a river bank in Bridgend, South Wales, on Saturday after going out with friends on Friday night.

McDonald op

The newscaster Sheena Me-Donald, 44, has had plastic surgery to her face as she continues to improve after being knocked unconscious by a police van nine days ago in Isliogton, North London.

Policeman loses

Alan Caulfield, who claimed he had been denied promotion in the Lothian and Borders Police because he was English, has lost his racial discrimination case. The tribunal findings will be given today.

Baby inquiry

Detectives were questioning a man of 26 after the death of a baby boy at Nuneaton. Warwickshire police said that the death was being treated as suspicious. Police were alerted by ambulance staff.

Pop challenge

Belle and Sebastian, winners of the best newcomer prize in the Brit music awards, may have to give up their title. The producer Pete Waterman is to complain that their previous chart successes ruled them out

Planned pregnancy lighter leads 'not always for best'

SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

WOMEN who become pregnant without planning to do so are more likely to have a happi-

er life than women whose pregnancies are carefully planned. Researchers at Glasgow University have found that women with unplanned preg-nancies had far greater chances of cementing relationships with their partner, family and friends, of improving their work and social life; and even of getting better housing.

The findings could have far-reaching implications for family planning organisations and for women facing decisions about contraception and pregnancy. They suggest that there are powerful factors driving some women to get pregnant. even though they may not real-

ise it at the time. Elizabeth Campbell, of the university's department of psychological medicine, said: "We are not suggesting that women deliberately become pregnant to achieve these secondary gains but it does seem that women with something substantial to gain from pregnancy are those who end up by hav-

ing 'unplanned' pregnancies." That suggested that couples having a sexual relationship ought openly to discuss the possibility of pregnancy, even if they were not planning to have a child, so that they would be prepared if it did occur. "It probably means that men will have to take greater responsibility for contracep-tion," she added.

The study, published in the March issue of the British Journal of Medical Esychology, was based on interviews with 128 women. Eighty one per cent of women who had unplanned pregnancies were found to be in situations of high or some possible gain from motherhood before they became pregnant. Only 16 per cent of the planned pregnancy group had high secondary gain ratings.

Chris Evans tries again for tabloid

CHRIS EVANS, the maverick disc jockey whose ambition turned him into a media mogul. has made a new bid for a stake in the Daily Star.

Express Newspapers, which owns the tabloid title, confirmed yesterday that Ginger Media. Mr Evans's company. had made an approach to Lord Hollick, chief executive of United News and Media, the paper's holding company, but that so far no deal had

been struck. Mr Evans, who bought Virgin Radio from Richard Bran-

cent share of his Ginger Media Group as a straight swap for the Daily Star, which sells about 540,000 copies daily and is famed for its laddish mixture of football, showbusiness

and scantily clad women. But Express Newspapers' financial experts are baulking at the proposal, fearing that the cost of running printing presses for the Express titles alone would be too high: -

Mr Evans, whose Ginger Productions makes television prgrammes, is said still to be keen on the idea of expanding son in 1997, is said to have of his media empire and may fered Lord Hollick a 16 per make another bid in the future.





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TV 'sting' puts rare bird in custody row

Park duped into selling macaw fears for species' future, write

Peter Gleeson and Audrey Magee

A RARE Illiger macaw is at the centre of a custody dispute after being bought by a bogus company in a television "sting" that has backfired on the programme-makers.

The parrot, named Pimpernel, was sold by one of Britain's leading wildlife parks after it was led to believe the bird would go to Ireland to be bred with a mate of the same The programme was organ-

ised by Carlton Television, which believed that Pimpernel was heading for a leading par-rot sanctuary in Ireland. In-stead, the bird is now being kept in a house in Dublin by a former circus worker who was hired by the programme-

Pimpernel is with a mate but its partner is a female Hahn's macaw, a different species, which has angered conservationists. Despite a ruling by the Broadcasting Standards Commission that Paradise Park in Cornwall was un-fairly duped into selling Pimpernel, the park has been unable to get the bird back.

The parrot tug-of-love follows a Carlton documentary in October 1997 on the way zoos dispose of surplus ani-mals. 20-20 Television, the programme-makers, paid Ray Cimino, a self-styled Dublin animal rights activist, to pose as a dealer for a company called Wildlife Direct. Most zoos refused to deal with him but Paradise Park was one of two organisations which sent a list of available animals.

Cimino, described in the programme as a "leading Irish animal consultant", paid £400 for the bird, a native of northeast Brazil and Argentina, in a secretly filmed deal. Paradise



danger of extinction

Park has built up a reputation as a major Connwall tourist attraction and has 462 birds of

126 species. Mike Reynolds, who has owned the park since 1973, complained to the Broadcasting Standards Commission that he only sold the bird because he was given firm assurances about its welfare.

In December, the Commission agreed the programme had been unfair in several key respects. Its ruling stated: "Par-

aimed at helping to save over 30 different endangered parrot

out of this mess. Mr Cimino has paired it up with a bird of a different species. He's about

cised in January for showing faked scenes in a documentary on the Colombian drugs trade, has consistently maintained that the bird was living in a

gests that they were acting in good faith on the information they had been given in relation

to the sale of the parrot. Although they may have been naive in taking their dealings with Wildlife Direct at face value, there was no suggestion of any illegal behaviour or Mr Reynolds, the founder of the World Parrot Trust, a body

species, has now switched his energies to getting Pimpernel back. But despite twice writing to Mr Cimino offering to buy the parrot back, it remains in Mr Reynolds said: "We want it back. I want to get it

to breed hybrids, which is not a good idea." Carlton, which was criti-

recommended that the bird be returned to England. He said: "A domestic house in Dublin, compared to Paradise Park, is not an alterna-

tive. The breed is vulnerable to extinction. To have it with a dif-

'Headless man' in legal threat to biographer

By GILLIAN HARRIS SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A MAN alleged to be at the centre of one of Britain's most sensational divorce scandals is said to be threatening legal action against a biographer who intends to reveal his identity in a book later this year.

Michael Thornton, who has been working on his biogra-phy of the late Duchess of Argyll for 13 years, has received more than a dozen letters from lawyers acting for the man whom he believes appeared in photographs used in court as evidence of the duchess's "multiple adultery". He was one of 88 men cited

by the the 11th Duke of Argyll as his wife's lovers. They cluded three members of the Royal Family, two Cabinet ministers and three actors. During the hearing in 1963, the most fevered speculation surrounded the identity of the: "headless man" who featured in two shots which cut him off at the neck but showed the duchess performing a sex act. string of pearls. Mr Thornton, 58, who be-

came a close friend of the duchess, says that he is pre-



The duchess: husband said she had 88 lovers

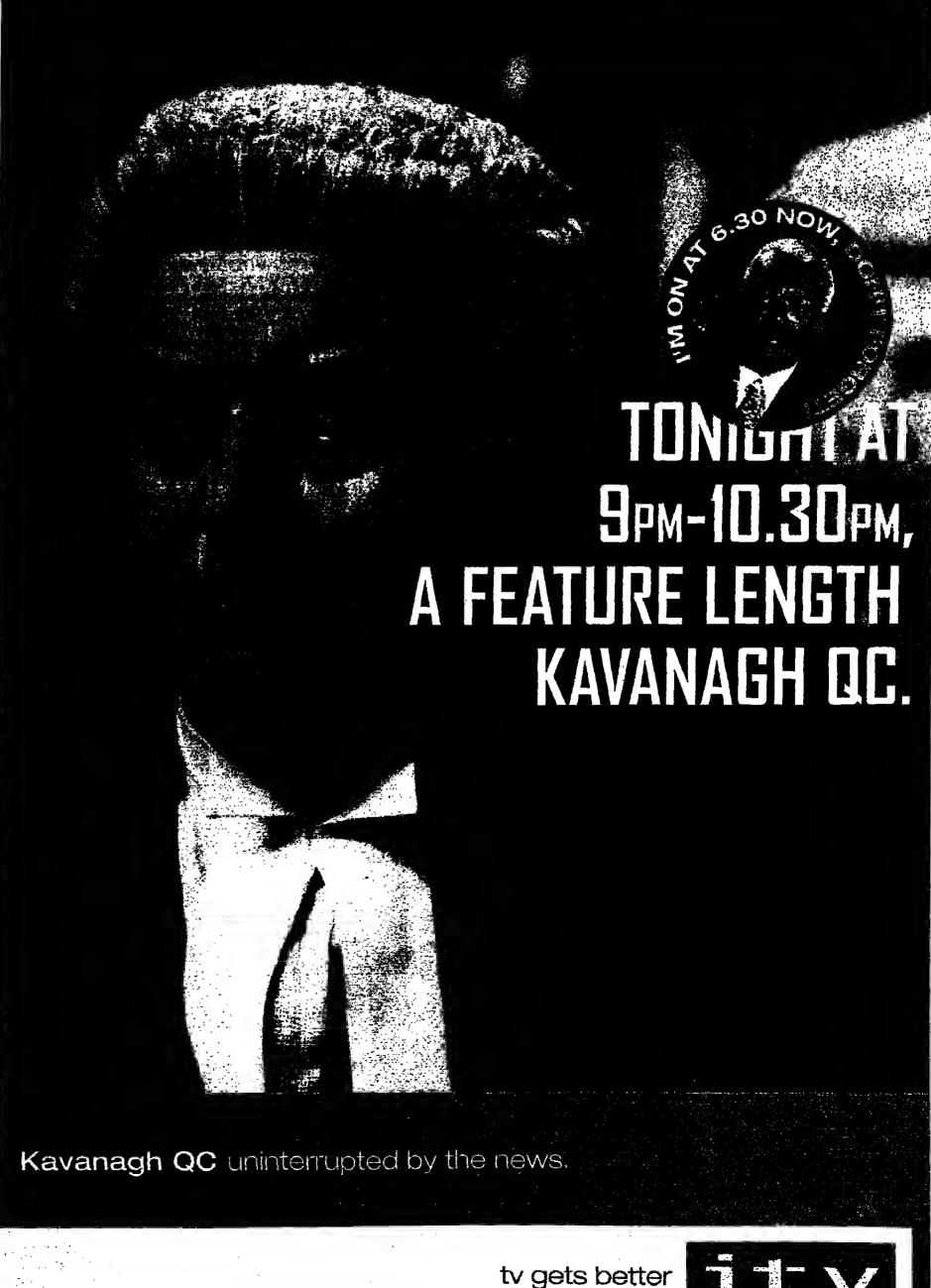
be published by Michael Joseph. He told Scotland on Sunday newspaper: "He persists in denying it but I the evidence now."

Mr Thornton said that he had been able to confirm the man's name through material from private files belonging to Lord Denning the former Master of the Rolls, who died last week. Lord Denning, who conducted an inquiry into the Profumo scandal in the 1960s. discovered political and aristocratic connections with the Argyll case:

The Argyll family has always declined to comment on the divorce. The duchess died in London in 1993.



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New magazine for women not the write stuff

New journal is said to be outdated and unfortunately named, report Alex O'Connell and Imogen O'Rourke

A MAGAZINE for women writers that has received £70,000 in lonery funding has been criticised by the female literati for its "unfortunate" title and "outdated" manifesto.

Mslexia was founded on the premise that there is something rotten in the state of publishing, Footnotes beneath the magazine's editorial explain mai: "Dyslevia is a difficulty. more prevalent in men, with reading and spelling. Mslexia is a difficulty, more prevalent in women, with gening pub-

The sickness metaphor is extended throughout the magazine — writers are called PWDs (Persons with Writing Disorders) and a Dr Ingrid K fronts a "Word Surgery", to which women can send their writing for criticism.

Mslexia. which is launched today, promises to provide "information, guidance and inspiration for published and unpublished authors and improve the quality and standing of women's literature."

But women writers, includ-ing Fay Weldon, have argued in the past that niche publishing should be careful not to "perpetuate victimisarion and complaint". Although the magazine may be praised by the Spare Rib generation. many women in publishing are puzzled by its tone and otle. Mslexia's guest editor, Michele Roberts, who has chosen a selection of erooc fiction for the first issue, said: 'The fitle is most unfortunate and implies that being a woman is a kind of dis-

Claire Rayner, the broadcaster and writer, laughed when told of the magazine's name. "It is a ridiculous offe and is going to mean the very opposite of what the editors think it is," she said.

Beryl Bainbridge, the win-

home too scared to take their manuscript out from under the mattress, as the tone of this

The first issue of Mstexia

ner of this year's WH Smith literary prize, was put off by Dr Ingrid K's column, which aims to stamp out readers' cli-

chès and rewrite sloppy copy.
"This is a cliche." Bain-bridge said, pointing to Dr Ks phrase "model wife". The novelist also took exception to a line that referred to the tendons at the base of a woman's "smooth throat". "If her throat was really

smooth he wouldn't know about her tendons," she said. A woman literary agent who asked not to be named said: "We have been there and done that and now women are just getting on with things. I don't think they are cowering at

magazine implies." Mslexia's editor. Debbie Taylor, a former editor of New Internationalist, hit upon the idea for the magazine while working on an annual journal of women's writing. She was shocked to see that there were more than 3,000 submissions. but only 600 subscribers. At the same time, she noted, Writer's News, a practical guide, had a readership of 18.000.

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Paper ceiling: Debbie Taylor says that women hesitate to send manuscripts to publishers

garde fiction as get to see their own work published," she said.

Ms Taylor told funding bodies that the publishing world was dominated by men and that women were less confident about approaching pub-

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they think it's very very good," she said

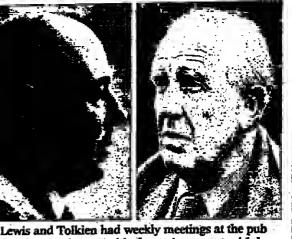
Ms Taylor received a threeyear grant from Arts 4 Everyone, combined with funding from the lottery and Northern Arts. By 2001, she hopes, Msleria will be able to pay its own way on subscriptions. But Sally O'Sullivan, the

Ms Taylor had a tough job ahead and that she would be interested to see how the magazine's circulation developed.

Successful writers aren't that helpful when it comes to giving advice about how to write. It is such a lonely business that it is quite hard to be fascinating about 'it," Ms founder of Cabal, said that

censee, is wary of such claims.

fluence that made us decide that collecting tokens might help to us to generate the liter-



Lewis and Tolkien had weekly meetings at the pub but frequently popped in for an impromptu drink

Oxford pub keeps literary tradition alive

held weekly literary meetings is backing The Times Free erary tradition.

The Eagle and Child, known to generations of stu-dents as the Bird and Baby, hosted the Lewis-Tolkien coterie between 1946 and 1967. The group, known as the Inklings, held official meetings every Tuesday lunchtime but frequently popped in for im-promptu drinking sessions. C.S. Lewis's chair remains in the bar and is Oxford's prime

target for tourist bottoms. cluding braille and audio versions, are included in the Free Books for Schools scheme, which offers a range of titles in exchange for tokens from News International newspa-pers and Walkers snackfoods. pline for more information There has been speculation

that passages from The Hob-bit and the Namia stories were composed in the Eagle and Child, inspired by a beady combination of alcohol and male bonding.
However Paul Ynill, the li-

They just got drunk a lot and talked nonsense - a tradition that is still going strong." he "But it was certainly their in-

ary giants of the future." The

THE Oxford pub where idea came from a regular cus-J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis tomer who remembers the Books For Schools scheme in Child has since collected an attempt to create a new lit- more than 2,000 tokens for St Barnabas's in Jericho, a locai school.

The campaign has been helped by the C.S. Lewis Soci-ety during its weekly meet-ings in the pub, and by the Cryptics, a latter-day linklings made up of literature

dons, doctors and poets. The Eagle and Child is also doing its bit to help an older generation of potential writers: In a forthcoming bar rget for tourist bottoms.

Several of Lewis's books, inuding braille and audio vercost of first-year tuition fees.

Call 0171-895 9018 (office hours only) with your tales of token-collecting successes in the Free Books for Schools campaign. There is also a helabout the scheme itself on 0845-604 0312.



Oxford's dead poets' society is resurrected

THE apparently dead poets' society at Oxford University Press managed an almost miraculous resurrection

Oxford Poets, the poetry list of 26 well-known versifiers that OUP had publicly condemned on the grounds that its sales had to be subsidised, will live on thanks to an agreement between the university and Carcanet Press, which specialises in poetry.

OUP is owned by Oxford University and makes about £6 million for the university each year, but the OUP

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Robin Young reports on a reprieve for the best of British verse

board of directors had decided that Oxford Poets was an unjustifiable drain on their revenues. OUP's core activity is described as "publishing of scholarly and educational work in pursuit of the university's objectives". and it began publishing contempo-rary poetry only in the 1960s.

Among the 26 poets currently published in the Oxford Poets list are Peter Porter, D. J. Enright, Fleur Adcock, Thomas Kinsella, Michael Donaghy, Alice Oswald, Jo Shapcott and Jamie McKendrick.

The decision to abandon the publication of their efforts angered poets and their readers, including many eminent academics. Jon Stallworthy, the Oxford Professor of English Literature and editor of the Oxford Book of War Poetry, who is himself a Carcanet-published poet, accused the

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OUP delegates of "an act of van-Now the OUP has agreed that an

editorial board appointed by the the university's English faculty and chaired by a faculty member will work with OUP and Carcanet to improve both the standard and the publishing returns of Oxford Poets.

Henry Reece. OUP's chief executive, denied that the deal with Carcan-

et represented a change of heart, saving: We have been trying to find a so-lution that keeps the poetry list together for the last six months. This promises to be an excellent partnership and will appeal to all those concerned about the widest possible dissemination of poetry."

Michael Schmidt, Carcanet's man ager and editorial director, said: "It is a particular pleasure to play a part in the Oxford Poets list which, with Faber's, is the best list of contemporary. poetry in English."

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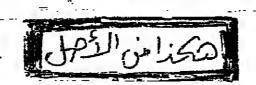
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A former Radio I disc jockey is to appear in a Prague court this week on charges involving boys under 15, the age of consent there. Chris Denning, 57. was allegedly followed after leaving Britain by the Nation-al Criminal Intelligence Service (NCIS), which alerted the authorities in Prague. He denies the charges. Prosecutions are rare be-cause the men are difficult to

A GROWING number of Brit-

ish paedophiles, some just out of prison, are travelling to

Eastern Europe to buy young-sters for the price of a take-

away burger.
The sudden increase in activ-

ity comes after a clampdown by the authorities in Thailand

Detectives say paedophiles have targeted Prague, capital

of the Czech Republic, because

it is only a few hours away and

the police there are not yet geared up to deal with the sud-

Scotland Yard believes pae-

dophiles are travelling to Fast-

ern Europe up to 700 times a

year to abuse children of pover-

ty stricken parents, who will hand over their sons and

daughters for food or drink.

Police intelligence suggests

that one paedophile can abuse

up to 20 children in a single

den influx of offenders.

track. Even though sex offenders in this country have to sign a sex register on their release from prison it does not stop them from travelling abroad. And aithough the

Sex Offenders Act daughters of 1997 gave British authorities the ability to prosecute paefor food or dophiles for crimes committed abroad, drink? there has not been tion. The Home Of-

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fice says that is because it Briton, was jailed for 14 years would prefer that people be in the Philippines for abusing dealt with in the country an eight-year-old boy. where the crime has been committed. The police also say that it could be difficult to make. sure that witnesses travelled to Britain to give evidence:

A former detective with the Paedophile Unit at Scotland Yard said: "We can stop football hooligans going abroad but not paedophiles. Poverty in the East European countries makes it a popular choice for them. The children are

One of Britain's most dangerous paedophiles is still be-ing hunted by British police af-ter disappearing on his release In Prague a child costs the price

of a burger, and abusers are

flooding in, writes Adam Fresco

from prison in June 1997 without signing the Sex Offenders Register. He is believed to be in Eastern Europe.

Warwick Spinks, 34, served 30 months of a seven-year sentence for drugging and kidnap-ping a 14-year-old boy from Yorkshire and taking him to Amsterdam where he was sold to a gay brothel. The youngster was able to escape and alerted the authorities.

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of the Sex Offenders Act did

not stop them abusing. They will offend, they need to of-

fend, and unfortunately they

will need to travel in order to

satisfy their demands."

Described as the "Pied Piper" of child molesters, on his release from prison he sent his probation officer a mocking postcard from Gatwick saying he was leaving the country. He can be sentenced in this country to six months imprisonment or a fine of up to £5,000 for not signing the register and letting police know his whereabourts.

Predatory paedophiles, so called because they will do anything and travel anywhere to

get into a position whereby they can abuse children, have been abandoning their forhand over mer haunts in the Far East. The authorities in the Philippines and Thailand are policing areas where paedophiles are known to congregate, making it harder for them to procure children. In July last year John Pid-

> Prague is much nearer, only two hours' flight away, and a few pounds goes a long way in

the Czech Republic. Wayne Smith, head of the NCIS Special Crime Unit, said: "Predatory paedophiles are very dangerous. They will go to extreme lengths to satisfy their desires. They do not see there is anything wrong with their activity

"We make intelligence logs and last year we made 340 logs of individuals travelling abroad, although not necessarily different individuals. That is 20 per cent more travelling



The futuristic Leila Pearce design, modelled by Victoria Jacobson, another student

Secondhand clothes are fit for Caprice

CAPRICE, the supermodel who favours Versace lace dresses, is to stroll down the catwalk in a secondhand outfit recycled from a charity

shop. Fashion students from across the country have creat-ed a range of designs from materials such as transistor radios, bin-bags, quilted bed-spreads and hessian sacks for a competition run by The Can-cer Research Campaign. The judges include Jeff Banks, the designer and former Clothes Show presenter, and Caprice, who will model the winning

design.
More than 200 students entered the competition, which is based on the theme Metamorphosis. Fifty-six have made it through the regional heats to have their creations modelled by professionals on Thursday afternoon at the American Intercootinental University in West London. The winner will spend two ence with Mr Banks and Red

or Dead, the fashion designers. Wayne Hemingway, chairman of Red or Dead. which began by recycling second-hand clothes and remod-elled shoes in Camden Market, said: "This is something

very close to our hearts." Claudia McVie. south-west regional director of the charity and one of the judges, said: The recycling fashion show is the perfect way to promote recycling. It allows us to introduce the great value for mon-ey our charity shops rep-

Among the entrants is Leila Pearce, 27, taking a degree in fashion and textile design at the University of the West of England in Bristol. She created leggings and a corset from ski-wear and a transistor radio circuit board, and a silver head-dress from rubber, elastic and LED lights. She said: The design is based on transformer toys. It is looking at the future when people and technology will live harmoni-ously together."



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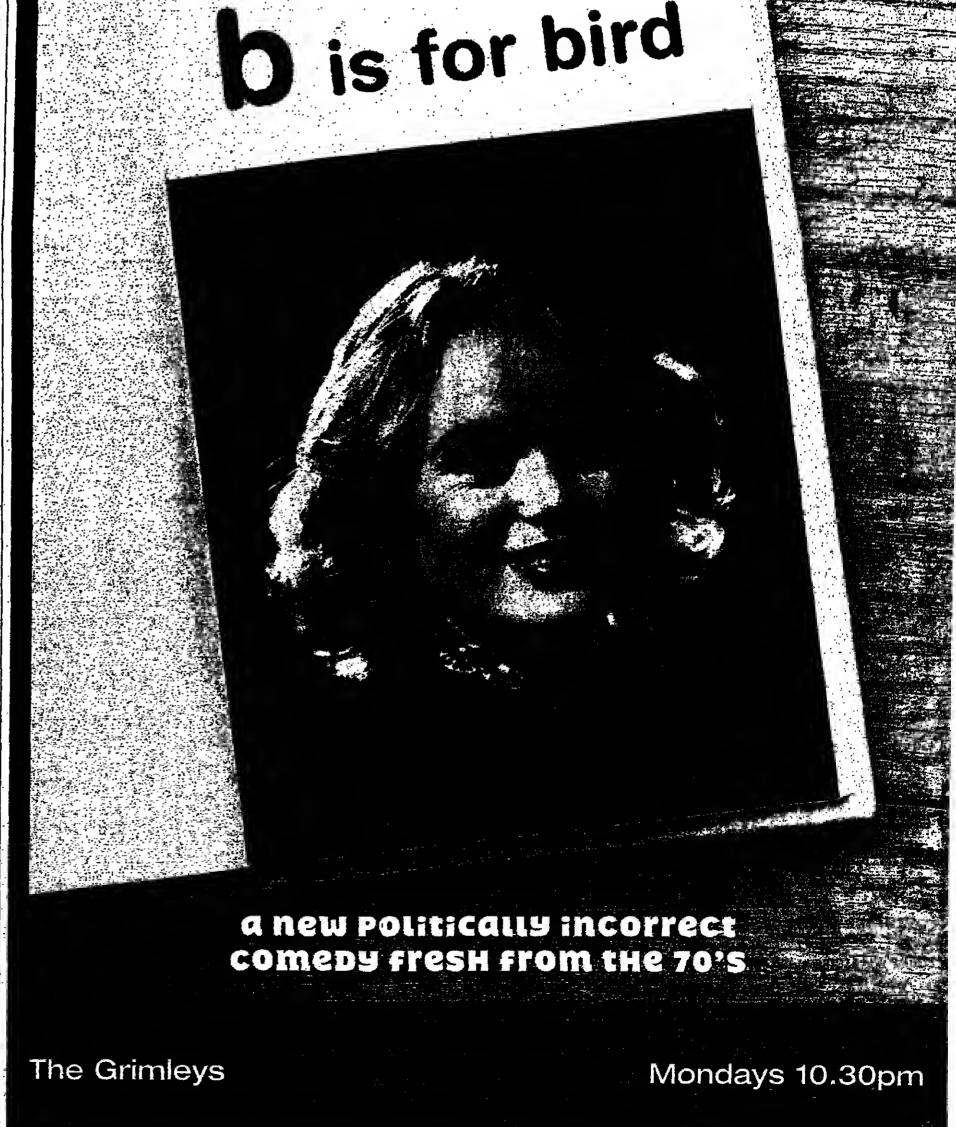
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Ashdown calls party to action for final time

By James Landale and Jason Allardyce

PADDY ASHDOWN urged the Liberal Democrats to have no limit to their ambitions for power as he set his party on an election footing for the last time as leader yesterday.

In his last speech to a national party gathering, he encouraged his activists gathered in Edinburgh to redouble their efforts in campaigning for this summer's local, regional and European polls.

And despite the recognition among many of the party faithful that yesterday marked the

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PADDY'S PARTY PIECES

squeaks like a mouse. — Edinburgh 1989

We must search for the heroes inside ourselves. — Nottingham 199

You cannot agree with a blank sheet of paper. — Glasgow 1995

Let me tell you what I fear after the next General Election, I fear a Government empty of ideas and devoid of reforming radicalism. I fear a Government which continues to avoid a whole-hearted communent to our European future. — Brighton 1994

There is no glass ceiling for the Liberal Democrats. — Blackpool 1992

1993
☐ There is an old rhyme that sums up Labour. Something borrowed, a

□ Labour is the music of Dire Straits, the Tories are the music of Simple Minds, but we are the New Kids on the Block. — Bournemouth 1991 □ Where Labour betray Britain as well as themselves is in their fallure of courage: the weakness, the narrowness and the timidity of their vision. — Blackpool 1990 □ This activity have on the made and transfer a process. — Protection 1980

☐ This party is back on the road and travelling upwards. — Brighton 1989

mentioned his 11-year tenure

In a pragmatic and unsentimental speech, he also delivered a thinly veiled warning to his successor — to be elected in August - that he or she should maintain the party's current strategy of limited co-operation with Labour. The Liberal Democrats, he said. could not have an impact from the touchline: "We can only do it as players on the field."

Mr Ashdown set out his party's terms for a possible coalition with Labour in the forthcoming Scottish parliament. If Labour was not interested in investing more in education, they should "not even bother to pick up the phone", he said. In a speech lasting just under an hour, Mr Ashdown attacked Labour's uncertainty and unwillingness to be bold.

"Time and again this Govern-

ment ducks the really big is-

The Prime Minister will tell Richard and Judy what to do about Glenn Hoddle but he won't tell us what he'll do about the euro."

sues," he said.

Labour, he said, boasted that it roared like a lion: "But far too frequently it squeaks like a mouse. I do not doubt new Labour's good intentions but I despair at their lack of ambition. We can do better, We can be better."

The party was embarked on a "voyage to a new political world" created by the devolved Scottish parliament and Welsh assembly, the introduction of the euro and other constitutional reforms.

But he gave warning: "The changes we have begun could lead to a more open, more tolerant, more liberal Britain or they could be just another brief fluttering of hope, quick-



Paddy Ashdown speaking at the Liberal Democrats' conference in Edinburgh, where he urged members to put no limit to their ambitions for power

ly lost through lack of ambi-tion and a shortage of boldness in those who lead us." He urged the party faithful: "Be ambitious for the Liberal Democrats. But above all be ambi-

tious for Britain." Mr Ashdown said the forthcoming elections were among the most important ever in Britain, creating "a whole new political settlement" for the country.

These elections will decide not just who governs but how we are governed. After these elections, Britain will never be the same again. The Government of Britain will be more decisively and irreversibly clos-

Just don't mention that contest

BY JAMES LANDALE POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

FOR the Liberal Democrat faithful gathered in Edinburgh a helpful badge had been included in the conference pack. "My vote - up for grabs." it said simply. The accompanying instructions declared: Wear this badge around the bars and make sure you get spotted by one of those MPs who 'isn't standing for leader'."

That was one of the few public, albeit tacit, acknowledgements that this weekend was a leadership contest that dare not speak its name. Officially no one is campaigning, positioning, or lobbying to

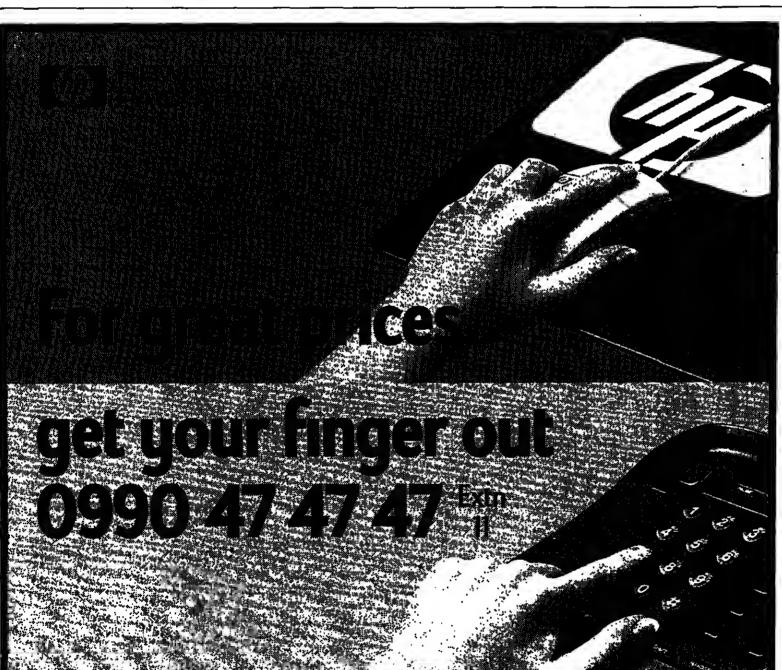
become Paddy Ashdown's successor. All MPs - potential candidates and their footsoldiers - have been firmly instructed to keep their mouths shut. Two new boys who foolishly allowed their allegiances to become public last week have been carpeted by Mr Ashdown. Nothing, they were told, should divert the party's attention from the local, regional and European elections in May and June.

Nothing should happen until Mr Ashdown formally announces his intention to stand down on June 11. Nominations must be in by June 28. Voting will not start until mid-July. Mr Ashdown, they emphasise, is going to be party leader un-

til August 9, when his successor is announced. That is five months away.

The truth is that everyone at the spring conference was talking about nothing but the leadership. Potential candidates were seen buying endless rounds of drinks late into the night at the conference hotel. The conference hall mysteriously filled when young pretenders delivered speeches. Hy-pothetical election scenarios of extraordi-

nary complexity were doing the rounds. But amid the electioneering, Mr Ashdown was mischievous to the last."I have changed my mind," he told the members. After a pause, he added: "Only joking, but what a lot of white faces there are





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Bell backs son-in-law's plan to fight his seat

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MARTIN BELL, the BBC war correspondent turned politician, has welcomed an attempt by his son-in-law to replace him as MP for Tation. Peter Bracken, who is married to Mr Bell's eldest daugh-ter, Melissa, told The Times vesterday that he wanted to be-

come the Labour candidate for the Cheshire seat. His decision came on the day that the area's local Conservative Party finaldates for the seat, which the Tories held by a majority of 20,000 until Mr Bell's victory at the last general election.

"I don't want to be seen as flying my kite but if I was offered Tatton it would be a great opportunity and honour to be its MP." Mr Bracken

Mr Bell, who has pledged not to stand for a second term, said: "If he wants to stand and is selected then I wish him



his wife, Melissa

well. Tatton is the fourth safest Conservative seat in the country but I think the Conservatives are very wise not to take it for granted."

If Mr Bracken is selected by Labour he will have a tough fight on his hands. The Tories are determined to wrest back Tatton, which they lost when the Labour Party and Liberal Democrats stood down their

so that Mr Bell could fight the seat on an anti-sleaze ticket. The then MP, Neil Hamil-

ton, had been forced to resign as a minister because of his involvement in the cash for questions scandaland the Tories are determined to find a candidate who is as "clean as a whistle" to win back their former stronghold.

One of those tipped to make the final shortlist, which was being finalised yesterday, is George Osborne, William Hague's chief speechwriter. Mr Osborne will be pitched against a strong local candidate, Derek Squirrel, a former

mayor of Knutsford. Mr Bracken, 38, a former Army major, currently works for a headhunting agency. He and Melissa met during the 1997 election campaign, when she was working for her father and he was helping the Labour campaign. They live in Handforth and are expecting

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In search of the 'holy water' of Antrim

breed now, but Martin Fletcher tracked down one of Ireland's poteen makers

IN A tiny, sweltering outhouse lit by a single lightbulb in a remote part of Co Antrim an old man chuckles as a crystal-clear liquid trickles from a spout at the bottom of a large blue barrel. For half a century Patrick has been making poteen, and another batch of his fiery, potent tipple is on its way. Don't drink it yet, he says. Wait till it gets weaker. The first litre or two is "poison" so strong it would kill you

I had been looking for one of the dying breed of poteen makers for weeks. Everyone knows how to get the stuff, even police and customs officers, but finding a maker is a different matter. Then one evening my telephone rang. You're looking for a character?" a man's voice asked. "Meet me outside the bakery in Dunloy at 7pm tomorrow Dunloy is a nationalist vil-

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After three weeks he strains

the "wash" into a milk churn,

carries it into the outhouse.

and transfers it into a large steel boiler heneath which he

places a propane gas ring. It

takes an hour for the wash to

start boiling. The steam is fun-

nelled into a coiled

copper pipe - the

rals down into the

blue barrel, which

is filled with cold water. The steam

condenses and comes out through

the spout as pure

poteen. The entire

"run" takes about

three hours, and produces enough

to fill a dozen gin

or vodica bottles

with a fluid twice

as strong. Patrick

no longer drinks poteen himself. He gave it up a few years

ago after a fearful binge. "I was that sick I didna' care if I

died or no," he said. His wife

He knows of no one else in

the area that still makes

poteen, and none of his sons

showed any interest, but he has taught one of his teenage

grandsons, who fully intends

The evening became distinctly jolly, and ended with us per-

forming various tests with Patrick's poteen. We lit pieces

of newspaper covered in the stuff and watched it burn off

with a bright blue flame while

leaving the paper unsinged. We then did the same using

our fingers. Happily the

poteen passed both tests, and Sean and I walked out into

into the night clutching a cou-

ple of bottles each as trophies.

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lage not many miles from Bushmills, where the world's first legal whiskey distillery was established in 1609. I sat in the darkness for half an hour until a car drew up alongside mine. A man with a baseball cap and two days' stubble wound down his window. "Hop in," said Sean, and for 15 minutes we wound through back lanes until we reached an isolated bungalow. "Yer man will be sizing you up before he talks," Sean warned. "He'll want to be sure of you." And in we walked to a spartan living room with a coal fire, a battered sofa and a few holy pictures on the wall.

Patrick (not his real name) was sitting in an upright chair, a genial fellow in his mid-seventies with white hair and bushy eyebrows. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren were watching

television. He sat us down and dis-I was patched a grandson to fetch us a glass of that sick his "holy water" or His wife bought tea Patrick learnt his art from

the legendary Mick-"King of the Glens", McIlhatton; he told me in an accent so thick he might have been speaking Urdu. In-

deed Sean had to translate. "I asked if I could watch him and he said 'aye'," recalled Patrick. "I watched and I thought Icould do that myself."

In the old days, when people could not afford the legal stuff, he would produce 1,000 bottles a year. Now he makes barely 100, which he sells by word of mouth for £6 each. He has been caught twice. The first time he was fined £5 and the second, 30 years ago, £100. "If they caught me now it'd be il." he reckoned, but there is

ttle chance he will be. The local police turn a blind eye. Customs officers are far more concerned about the quantities of alcohol, tobacco and diesel being smuggled into Northern Ireland from the South. A spokesman confirmed that poteen was "not a high priority", though he said that bad poteen could cause

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A glass of "mountain dew" is taken between the boiler, right, and the condenser, from which the pure poteen emerges as a crystal-clear liquid blindness and even death.

Spirits are raised across the globe

BY ROBIN YOUNG

THOUGH there is some evidence that distillation was applied to ancient "beers" based on rice, millet or molasses as early as 900BC, spixits are relative latecomers to the West, post-dating wine and beer by many centuries.

Nonetheless almost every country or region, with the exception of central Africa, has evolved its own spirit based on the cheapest and most plen-tiful fermentable material available. The Celts of Ireland, Scotland and Wales were world leaders in distillmg. developing whiskies made from alcoholic mashes of local grains, which ferment-

ed easily in the damp climate. England's equivalent was gin, also derived from fermented grain. Unlike whisky, which is aged in wood to give it colour and flavour, gin was dosed with flavourings, principally juniper. England also has a small tradition of apple brandy, the best known varieties of which are from Normandy (calvados) or New England (applejack). Vodka can be made from

virtually anything, with grain, molasses and polatoes being the most common bases. In the Middle East palm sap. dates, grape juice, molasses and cereal are used in making arrack, raki and ouzo, which is usually flavoured with ani-

In Scandinavia and northern Germany the local spirit is akvavit or schnapps, grain or potato distillates sometimes flavoured with caraway, and Mexico has tequila from aga-

Sugar-producing countries make rum, and wine-producing countries make grape brandies (from wine) and grappa or marc (from pressed skins and pips). In parts of France, eaux de vie are still made from holly berries, sorb apples, sloe stones and wild blackberries

few years ago when security forces searching for arms stumbled across his brew in a neighbour's hen house, but with the Troubles over even He took us into a shed behind his house where two 20-gallon barrels of fermenting "wash" - sugar, treade. grapes, raisins, yeast and wa-ter — were emitting a strong. sweet smell from beneath their canvas covers. His neighbours all knew when he was brew-

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'Chinese stole US missile secrets'

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THE United States Government is investigating charges that China stole nuclear secrets that enabled it to make massive leaps in the development of its nuclear arsenal.

The theft may have started as long ago as the 1980s and allowed China to improve weapons that had been a generanon behind American missiles. As the Government confirmed the inquiry, it faced ac-cusations that it had been slow to act on the allegations because of political sensitivities.

The federal authorities are invesogating whether China used secrets stolen from the

Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico to produce small warheads that could be launched from a single missile at multiple targets.

The New York Times reported that the spying was believed to have happened in the mid-1980s but was not detected until 1995, when analysis of Chinese nuclear-missile tests found similarines to America's most-advanced miniature warhead, the W88

"Currently there is an ongoing investigation to determine if there was criminal conduct, and we conduce to assess the implications for narional secu-

...catch



President Clinton with his Chinese counterpart, Jiang Zemin, during a 1997 summit news conference in Washington. The White House reportedly knew of the spy claims but tried to minimise them to ensure success at the talks

rity." David Leavy, the White House National Security Council spokesman, said. But Tang Jiaxuan, the Chinese Foreign Minister, decried the allegadons yesterday as baseless. He also warned Washington against placing Taiwan under a missile-defence umbrella,

of a peaceful reunification. But Clinton Administration sources said that a Chinese-American suspect was identified at the US Energy Department's weapons laboratory in Los Alamos in 1996. It was not until this year that he was given a lie-detector test, which one offisaying it would harm chances cial said he failed. He was not

arrested; but last week was

again questioned.
Officials said President Clinton was first told in 1997 that information may have been stolen in the mid-1980s by Chinese agents. But critics said the inquiry was delayed bethe Clinton White House was

China in the run-up to the President Jiang's visit to America in 1997 and Mr Clinton's China tour last year. Moreover, it came as Congress was investigating charges that Beijing had secretly funnelled money to the Democrats in the 1996 presidential campaign.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Thirty immigrants drown off Florida

Miami: In one of the worst immigrant smuggling disasters of the Florida coast, the US Coast Guard yesterday called off the search for more than 30 Haitians lost at sea after two overloaded boats sank on Saturday (David Adams writes). Three survivors told US officials that one of the two boats suffered mechanical problems about 30 miles east of West Palm Beach. When the second boat went to help, both ended up sinking. Neither boat had

"It just reiterates the danger that's involved in smuggline." said Ron LaBrec, a Coast Guard spokesman. "These people leave in small boats that are generally unseaworthy, overcrowded and lacking in even the most basic safety gear." The tragedy comes after another smuggling incident in December when I3 Cubans drowned after a 29ft boat sank in 6ft seas about 20 miles south of Migrai Algorithms and 406 Cubans. south of Miami. Already this year, 587 Haidans and 406 Cuhans have been intercepted off the US coast.

Uganda suspends treks

Kampala: The Ugandan Government has suspended treks to the habitat of rare gorillas after the murders last week of eight tourists, including four Britons, by Hutu rebels. The month-long suspension covers visits to both the Bwindi National Park, where the tourists were killed, and Mgahinga National Park, which is further south, as part of a mourning period, according to a directive from Brigadier Moses Ali, the Minister for Tourism, Trade and Industry. (AFP)

Estonians go to polls

Tallian: Estonians voted in a general election expected to produce a centrist coalition which will lead the country to European Union membership while attempting to kickstart a stalled economy. Though much is at stake, turnout appeared to be low. Opinion polls point to no clear winner. The 860,000 eligible voters were faced with a dizzying field when polls opened — 12 parties and 1,885 candidates, nearly 19 for each of the 101 partia-

Versace 'HIV positive'

New York: A post-mortem examination of Gianni Versace, right, has revealed that the murdered fashion designer was hiding the fact that he was HIV positive, a book claims (James Bone writes). Maureen Orth writes in Vulgar Favours, an account of Andrew Cunanan's five killings across America in 1997, that Versace, a victim, concealed the diagnosis because he was seeking a stock mar-ket listing for his fashion empire.



India air crash kills 21

Delhi: An Indian Air Force Antonov 32 transport aircraft crashed outside the capital, killing 21 people — India's second air disaster in 48 hours. On Friday night an Air France cargo plane ploughed into a Madras runway, bursting into flames. All five people on board survived. The Antonov exploded after crashing on to a building site, sending burning fragments flying into work-

Serbs fight for Brcko

Banja Luka: Milorad Dodik, the outgoing Bosnian Serb Prime Minister, urged an emergency session of parliament not to accept a Western ruling that failed to award the northern town of Breko to the Serb republic. Mr Dodik resigned on Friday in protest at the international arbitration tribunal decision. Hardline and moderate deputies threatened to suspend their participation in the country's state parliament over the issue. (Reuters)

Crash singer 'critical'

Franklin, Tennessee: The country singer George Jones was in a critical condition after his car crashed into a bridge near his home while he was talking on a mobile phone to his stepdaughter. Jones, 67, lost control while rounding a bend in the road, state police said, adding that he was not wearing a seat belt. Jones is famous for hits such as He Stopped Loving Her Today and The Race is On. (AP)

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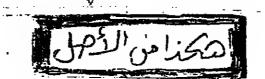
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Government officials, casting doubt on the likelihood of any Khmer Rouge leader facing an in-ternational court, said that Mok, arrested on Saturday, apparently on Thailand's northern border with Cambodia, would be prosecuted by a Cambodian court under Cambodian law. Khieu Kanharith, a government spokesman, GRUESOME medical experiments conducted on prisoners by the Japanese during the Second World War are behind mounting pressure on Tokyo to reopen a vast military archive and so help to identify surviving war criminals.

the last Khmer Rouge leader at

large and perhaps the most brutal,

ous group, so letting other former leaders off the hook

Charismatic and ruthless, Mok.

known as "The Butcher", was a

lectual. He and his men carried

out the purges, eliminating real or imagined enemies of "Angka", the sinister organisation that ruled Cambodia when the Klimer Rouge

was in power — all at the behest of Pol Pot, whom he later betrayed.

anese prison camps there.

The film was based heavily on research by Sheldon Harris, a Californian history professor who pieced together details of Unit 731's activities from Chinese and Soviet ories of Death. The book, containing claims of prisoners being infected with germs and dissected alive, will be published in Japan this spring. Professor Harris found no

proof that Allied prisoners were subjected to the tortures, and it is known that some 100,000 Chinese soldiers bore the bright. But last night's film alleged for the first time that there were American victims. The US Justice Department 60,000 suspected German war criminals, all barred from en-



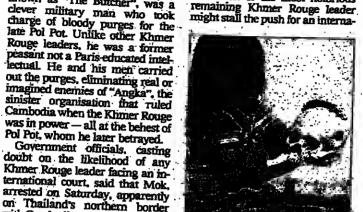
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Pol Pot's Butcher to face Cambodia trial

Ta Mok may be Khmer Rouge scapegoat, writes James Pringle in Beijing

was in custody in Phnom Penh last night amid indications that he would be put on trial as a scape-goat for all the sins of the murdersaid that it was unlikely Mok would be sent to an international tribunal after that.

Observers said that the domestic conviction of the most notorious remaining Khmer Rouge leader might stall the push for an interna-



Khmer Rouge regime left 1.7 million people dead

tional trial for other leaders such as "Brother Number Two" Nuon Chea and Khieu Samphan, an intellectual who wrote the blueprint for the Khmer Rouge agrarian revolution that led to the deaths of 1.7 million Cambodians between 1975

and 1979. Both surrendered and were treated to a luxury tour of Cambodia by Hun Sen, the Prime Minister, before returning to the Khmer Rouge's former headquarters at Pailin, where they live in relarive comfort. A team of United Nations jurists

has recommended that 20 to 30 former Khmer Rouge be brought before an international tribunal for crimes against humanity and genocide. But, despite mounting calls for such a tribunal, Mr Sen — a former junior Khmer Rouge offic-er who broke away in 1977 — bas urged caution, saying attempts to bring the leaders to trial could end the first period of peace Cambodia has known for 30 years.

"Mok is to be made a scapegoat

an analyst. In Pailin recently other former

leaders said that, while they should not be tried for genocide because they had repented. Ta Mok should, as he was a hardliner. "All the people here in Pailin welcome the news of the Government's arrest of Ta Mok," a former Khmer Rouge official said last night.

Mok has only one leg, having

lost the other in a tractor accident, not to through a mine. Yet he took care of his fighters who had been similarly maimed and for this his men, as one told this correspondent, "would do anything for him". He would, however, dispose of his enemies, often by poisoning.

Mok has maintained good rela-

tions with Thai military men in northeast Thailand, and used a vehicle with Thai military plates, bought rice for his troops there and had several safe houses.

Last year be seemed on the point of handing over Pol Pot to the Phnom Penh Government but, hearing this on Liberation Radio, the Khmer Rouge station, Pol Pot took his own life — unless, of course, be was poisoned by Mok.



men, at a Khmer Rouge base in Cambodia in April last year.

Bomb blast at theatre kills six in Bangladesh

FROM AHMED FAZL IN DHAKA

TWO powerful bombs activated by a timing device de-stroyed part of a crowded theatre in western Bangla-desh yesterday, leaving six people dead and 100 injured. The explosions spread pan-

ic through the garrison town of Jessore, on the India-Bangladesh border, 170 miles west of the capital. Dhaka. Baziur Rahman, the local

police chief, said: "The two bombs, believed planted by Islamic extremists, were hid-den under a stage erected for the performing artists." One of the dead was a woman

The performance had been organised by Udichi, a leading anti-fundamentalist cultural group which has been the target of attacks by militant Muslim deries.

The bombing came ahead of a political rally in Dhaka yesterday addressed by Sheikh Hasina, the Prime Minister, to mark the 28th anniversary of Bangladesh's declaration of independence.

Pressure grows on Japan to unmask its war criminals FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

As many as 10,000 PoWs records for a 1994 book, Fact-

may have been victims of atrocities masterminded by General Shiro Ishii, commander of the Japanese Imperial Army's germ warfare division - Unit 731. Yet despite casualty numbers 12 times those of the Nazi Dr Josef Mengele, no Unit 731 veterans have been brought to

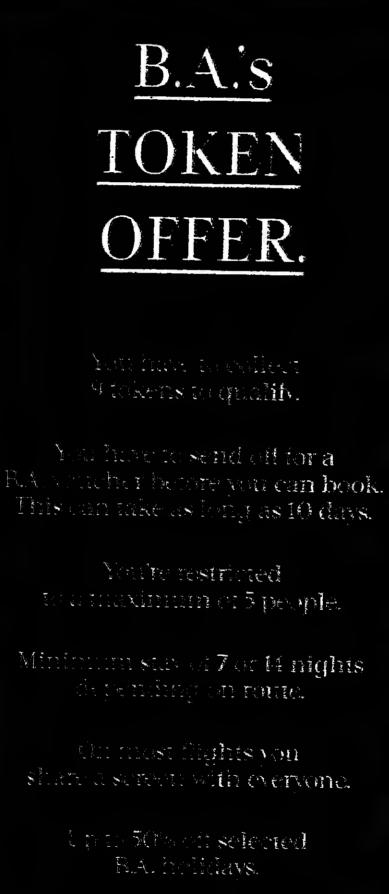
justice.

Defails of one of the war's darkest chapters were broadcast on US television last night in a documentary likely to ment to American officials as . to Japanese. Not for the first time, Americans were accused of covering up the scale of General Ishii's activities in return for acquiring his research results for the Pentagon's

germ warfare programme.

Unit 731: Nightmare in
Manchuria recounted how General Ishii began using anthrax, typhus and other deadly pathogens against Chinese soldiers in Manchuria in the 1930s. It also contained interviews with US survivors of Jap-

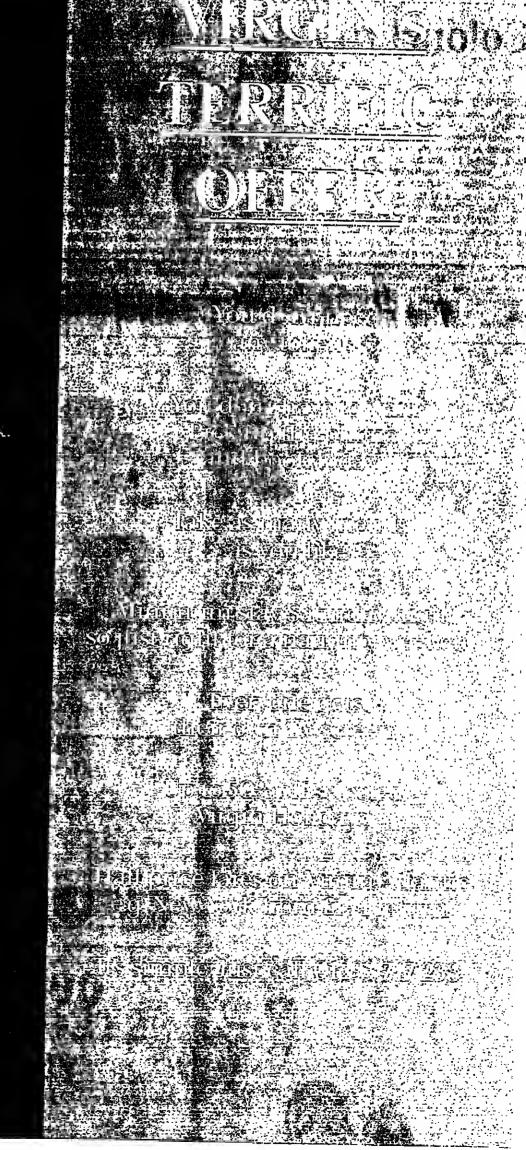
tering the country. But only 100 suspected Japanese war criminals are known.



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Colosseum's animal magic was high art

THE Hollywood image of the Colosseum as a bare, sandy arena covered with the blood of wild beasts, gladiators and martyred Christians is largely mistaken, according to a team of German and Italian archaeologists who have spent three years studying the amphitheatre's underground chambers and corridors.

Heinz Beste. a German archaeologist, and Rossella Rea. an Italian archaeologist, say that the Colosseum was in fact "the greatest theatre of ancient times", able to stage "sumptu-ous entertainments" thanks to a highly sophisticated mechanism of moveable scenery and a complex system of hidden lifts, hoists and pulleys.

The result, Herr Beste said. was a daily programme of "spectacular shows". They did involve bloodshed, but not in the form of "duels to the death", which were a latenight speciality. Romans attending shows during the day were shown "amazing special effects" involving hundreds of actors and exotic animals. "It was a form of propaganda," Signora Rea said.

No one was injured in the hold-up.

tember, using more traditional methods,

but without success. His desperate move

Rome's arena provided more

theatre than bloodshed, writes

Richard Owen

mans with the empire's for eign_conquests by displaying the flora and fauna of Africa and Asia in a colourful piece of theatre. "It seems films such as Quo Vadis got it wrong." said Il Messaggero.

The Colosseum was commissioned in AD72 by the Emper-or Vespasian (AD69-79), a pro-fessional soldier who despised his deranged and megalomaniac predecessor. Nero. Vespasian drained Nero's artificial lake and built the Colosseum on the site (a golden Colossus of Nero that stood nearby gave the amphitheatre its name).

Faced with Travertine marble, it seated 55,000 spectators. and was inaugurated in ADSO by Vespasian's son, the Emperor Titus, with an opening fesoval lasting 100 days. It became a ruin in medieval times, but restoration a hundred years ago revealed the structures be-

The building is being further renovated for the millenni-um, at a cost of £15 nullion. Herr Beste said that the current restoration had enabled experts to examine the remaining structures "centimetre by centimetre". They had found evidence that the arena was covered with 3,588 square yards of wooden flooring, un-derneath which were sloping ramps operated by winches. each moved by eight slaves.

There was also evidence of a "dense network" of lifts be-hind the podium, with one placed every 3.8 yards and 24 giant trapdoors in the stage. The ramps and lifts would have produced hundreds of actors and animals "as if by

The archaeologists said mornings and afternoons were devoted to animal shows. with gladiator fights only taking place late in the evening. In a typical daytime performance, spectators would have seen a "grove of palms and trees, rocky hills, pools, pavil-



The Hollywood image of the Colosseum, as depicted in Quo Vadis with Peter Ustinov playing Nero, has now been questioned by archaeologists

ions and colonnaded buildings" against a vividly painted backdrop. The stage would gradually fill with bears, wolves, lynxes, and wild boar, then lions, panthers, croco-diles, camels and elephants, "beasts which Romans had

Signora Rea said that fights to the death were staged, both between hunters and animals, and between the animals them-"But many were trained and looked after, as in modern circuses", and animal fights were eventually banned altogether in AD523.

Ecevit: hopes to capitalise on rebel leader's capture

Adriano La Regina, the Su-perintendent of Archaeology, said that the stage machinery as re-created by the German-Italian team according to de-scriptions of spectacles witnessed by writers such as Martial and Suetonius, and therewere plans to reconstruct the

lifts and trap doors to stage shows in the Colosseum for the millennium - "but with-

out the bloodshed". He said that accounts of the Colosseum being flooded to stage mock sea battles were probably mistaken, however,

ground mechanisms would have been damaged. The "sea battles" are now thought to have taken place across the Tiber, in a water-filled arena built by the Emperor Augus tus (23BC-AD14), now buried beneath the streets of the

Colonel robs bank for his savings Kurds claim attack on helicopter

FROM ALICE LAGNADO IN MOSCOW

A FORMER colonel robbed a Moscow struck a chord with thousands of other bank this week after his \$20,000 (£12.000) Russians who lost their life savings or had them decimated when the country life savings were wiped out by Russia's financial collapse. sank into financial crisis in August.

Dmitri Setrakov, 66, walked into the Even the police said they sympathised Bank Rossiiski Kredit on Tverskaya with the colonel. "People don't resolve to Ulitsa, Moscow's equivalent of Oxford do such things without reason. He did Street, at 10am on Friday with a hunting the right thing, since banks will not give out money," a spokeswoman told the rifle and took the chief accountant hostage. He also threatened to blow up the bank. Terrified bank staff handed him

Those Russians who did have bank the money in cash before he was arrested. accounts were brave indeed. The banking system is not well established in Rus-According to a report in the Kommersia, with hundreds of banks to choose from and no way to lell how reliable they sant newspaper, Colonel Setrakov's wife are. Many people still keep their money was seriously ill and needed the money for an operation. Colonel Setrakov had under the mattress at home. been trying to get at his money since Sep-

This is the second such attempt the bank has seen. In December, Aleksandr Shreiber, 39, took three members of staff

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hostage while demanding his savings be returned. He surrendered after an hour.

There have been numerous other stories of similar hold-ups in other parts of Russia as people have turned to vio-lence to try to get back what is theirs. Others turned the violence in on them-

selves with several cases of pensioners hanging themselves. One of the saddest cases was that of Pavel Yulayev, 77, who collapsed and died at a bank in the Mordovia region in September when he saw that his savings had been frozen.

An estimated 32,000 Muscovites have

sued banks, with some success: about S per cent of cases have been won, though judges are often paid off by bankers to prevent money from being handed over.

Anna Blundy, page 20

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

AS Bulent Ecevit, Turkey's Prime Minister, and members of his Cabinet toured the country's southeast yesterday, boasting of gaining the upper hand in the war with Kurdish guerrillas, rebels claimed to have shot down an army helicopter, killing 20 soldiers.

The Germany-based Kurdish news agency DEM said all perished on the helicopter in e southeastern province of Hakkari, the latest strike in the war for autonomy that the rebels vowed would increase aften the capture of their leader. Abdullah Ocalan. The mili-tary would not comment. In the city of Diyarbakir, Mr Ecevit and his Cabinet discussed a regional aid package with officials. There were no meetings with local businessmen, who had been warned by the Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) to stay away.

The £70 million package is designed to encourage invest-ment in a part of the country where the economy has been caught in the crossfire between security forces and the PKK. The Government hopes to capitalise in forthcoming elections on Mr Ocalan's capture in Kenya nearly three

cial courthouse to try Mr Ocalan, security forces across the country are on alert. Earlier, Mr Ecevit said that

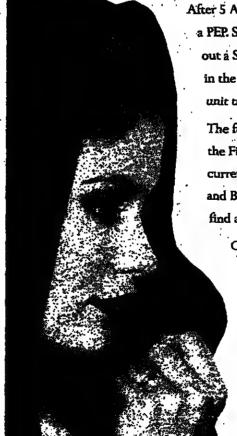
police had detained a suspect in a car bombing last Friday in Cankiri, a town north of Ankara. A regional governor was seriously injured. Three peo-ple, including two girls, died. ☐ Bonn: Mr Ocalan biames Kenya for handing him over to Turkey, a lawyer said in a magazine interview published today. "He said he was not captured by Tarkish forces but handed over by the Kenyans," weeks ago. said Ahmet Zeki Okcuoglu, an
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Why must the British tabloids always mention the war?

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heavy bombardment **INSIDE GERMANY** from The Sun again last week. Richard Littlejohn compared euro membership to collaboration with the Nazis: Ein Volk, ein Reich, ein Euro was the headline. The Chancellor, Gerhard Schröder, was accused elsewhere of having fun on television while the country went to rack and ruin ("Leaving his Government to crumble into the worst since Hitler's'). This week Rudolf Scharping. the Defence Minister, visits soldier found in the jungle of London, so perhaps we will get a few Luftwaffe jokes. Guam in the 1960s, the Brit-

gain.

Like the lonely Japanese Somewhere fighting the war.

The Germans know by now

BY ROGER BOYES

ish tabloids are still out there

they confirm the stereotype of humourlessness; if they do force a smile, they are masochistic German stereotypes. Admittedly, German tab-

loids are learning to strike back but their efforts are feeble. Last week they carried a "passionately denied" story bout British semen being inferior to German. Mainly though, revenge in Germany is a dish best eaten cold. Bild (circulation 4 million) is waiting quietly for the next case of mad cow disease before jumping on the British.

Correspondents here func-

that they are supposed to be ish psyche. We must field amused. If they fail to laugh anguished inquiries from some shell-shocked Germans. What does it all mean? First, I explain, there is no evil master plan to humiliate Germany. Everybody gets it in the throat. An adviser to the last Chancellor once com-

Hitler from fellow pupils while at school in Brighton. That, I replied is the nature of the scrum. If you are fat, skinny, spotty, bright. speciacled, German, French. different in any way, you are a legitimate target: God Bless School. Tabloid culture meretion as interpreters of the Brit- ly extends bullying beyond

adolescence. So: laugh. Sometimes I take a different line. I tell Worried of Wuppertal that she should study the anti-German edge in French, Dutch or Turkish papers. Germany is powerful and has many neighbours; natu-

rally it attracts brickbats. plained to me that his son A new French bestseller by was followed by calls of "Heil Philippe Delmas is titled On the Next War with Germany. Or I advise Nervous of Nuremberg that attacks on Herr Schröder are actually coded attacks on Tony Blair. Or that nobody reads foreign stuff in the tabloids. The Sun splashed Oskar Lafontaine, the Finance Minister, on its front cover, described him as

the most dangerous man in Europe, and yet still some 80 per cent of Britons have no idea who he is or for what he stands.

But most of the knockabout tabloid content cannot be defended on any rational level; it is about conditioned responses. The big questions are whether we should get excited at all, whether relations suffer, and whether the war should stop being a journalis-tic point of reference.

ertainly the declara-tion of Michael Naumann, Herr Schröder's cultural co-ordinator, that the British are obsessed

celleries and foreign ministries fret about words written by sub-editors brought up

n commando comics. War metaphors are supposed to dramatise the politi-cal situation of plucky Britain standing alone against the euro, back to the wall. I heartily dislike this bluster, but understand it as part of the simplifying process ahead of a complex national decision on the euro rather than as a calculated affront to Germans.

Unlike Herr Naumann, I do not think the British war obsession is particularly un-healthy. The Germans are also obsessed by it. Every

umentaries about some aspect of the Third Reich. Indeed the constitution was created as a counterweight to the Nazi era and so comparisons are valid: the Gestapo did this, so we, having learnt our lesson, do the opposite. I also think it legitimate to compare joblessness with the mass unemployment of the 1930s since today's economic de-

bate has prewar roots.

The war needs to be understood by new generations. Problems arise when it is treated as a music-hall joke and serious democratic politicians are portrayed as Nazi wolves in sheepskin coats.

Landslides in Alps bring road chaos

IN PARIS

AT LEAST 60,000 people, many of them British tourists, spent the first day of their skiing holiday on Saturday fuming in their cars as they found themselves stranded for up to nine hours in a huge 25-mile traffic jam in the French Alps.

Traffic was paralysed until the early hours of yesterday morning along the Route Nationale 90 between Albertville and Moutiers, the only road that services the popular ski re-sorts of Tignes, Val d'Isère, La Plagne, Les Arcs, Courcheval and Métibel. As night fell and the temperature dropped sharply, the holidaymakers

trapped in their vehicles were still facing a five-hour wait to get clear of the tailback. Many were unable to reach their hotels and were forced to take refuge in makeshift accommodation set up by local authorites in order to avoid

spending the night in their cars in sub-zero temperatures. Most of those caught in the jam were British, Dutch, Belgian and German ski enthusiasts who traditionally flock to

the slopes this weekend as.



French families return home after the mid-term holiday which ended yesterday,

The gridlock was triggered by two successive landslides that partly blocked one lane of the highway last week. The second rock fall at Pomblières, between Moûtiers and Aime, reduced traffic along the RN90 to one lane that was reserved for holidaymakers leaving the Officials estimated that

32,000 vehicles were headed for the mountains, while 20,000 were trying to leave. Those travelling to the resorts were forced to take a detour along a narrow, muddy

road through a quarry where traffic rapidly slowed down to

As the tailback continued into Saturday evening, the local authorities declared a state of emergency and appealed to residents for help in finding accommodation for the trapped motorists. After 1,200 hotel beds in

Chambery filled up, public buildings there and in nearby towns were requisitioned to house the motorists who had given up trying to get to their destination by late Saturday. The state-run SNCF railway

dispatched two trains with

sleeping cars to Albertville

nle. About 150 tourists were taken in by local families and 70 spent the night in Albertville schools as well as in other public buildings. The traffic jam was the

worst in the area since 1995, when the RN90 was blocked by heavy snowfall.

Michel Barnier, president of the Savoie General Council, urgently appealed to the Government to release Prl.2 billion (£120 million) required to ensure that the RN90 and RN212 were protected from future landslides.

We cannot wait for another Winter Olympics to carry out the road improvements that were studied two years ago by the state. The RN90 serves 30 ski resorts, representing a total of 350,000 beds. The investment required by the state corresponds exactly to the amount paid in taxes by this sector." said M Barnier. What kind of company would abandon such an investment when it can see that it will get its money back in one or two years?" he said.

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Jörg Haider feeds his bear, Kenny, after casting his vote yesterday. A commanding lead by his party has revived fears of a resurgence of neo-Nazism in Austria

Admirer of Hitler leads poll in Austria

FROM NIGEL GLASS IN VIENNA

AUSTRIA was recling yes terday after Jörg Haider led his nationalist Freedom Party to a big lead in elections in the soothern state of Carinthia.

The victory will for the first time make it the dominant political party in any of the nine states. Exit polls indicated that the Social Democrats, led nationally by Viktor Klima, the Chancellor, were at 32 per cent. which could cost them the majority they have enjoyed since 1945.

Nine years ago Herr Haider was forced to quit as Governor of the state after he praised Hitler's job policies. His success will be seen by many as a resurgence of neo-Nazism.

The right-wing Herr Haider's campaign mascot is a bear called Kenny, adopted by the politician and given sanctuary on his estate in Carinthia after farmers had threatened to shoot the animal. Herr Haider has pledged to expel all jobless foreigners. except citizens of the EU.

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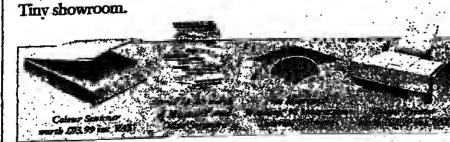
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A security official keeps guard over Colonel Muammar Gaddafi's tent in the grounds of Cairo's Qubba Palace

Gaddafi pitches for better deal

afi, held more talks in Cairo yesterday to overcome the final obstacles on resolving the Lockerbie saga (Cbristopher Walker writes).

The dictator, spending a week io Egypt for talks nn a range of issues besides Lockerbie, has erected a tent in the grounds of Qub-ba Palace for his accommodation. It will also be used as a venue for meetings.

Yesterday he met Esmet Abdel Meguid, the Egyp-tian-born head of the Arab League, to discuss guarantees and procedures over the handover of two Libyan der Scottish law, in The Netherlands. Britain and America, whose citizens were among the majority of the 270 victims who died in the bombed plane over 30-day deadline for their

Arab officials said the Libyan leader was cootinuing to seek guarantees that the two Libyan iotelligence agents would receive a fair trial and that their handover woold be matched by an immediate end to the crippling United Nations ecocomic sanctions imposed oo Libya since 1992.

Son takes over in Bahrain on death of Emir

pact with the US.

armed forces, having been re-

sponsible for their rapid build-

up recently, including the re-

cruitment of mercenaries from

Jordan and Pakistan with a

reputation for brutality. He takes over at a time

FOR the second time in a few in the Middle East has seen the smooth transicion of power from father to son, this ome in the Gulf state of Bahrain, whose ruler, Sheikh Isa bin Sulman al-Khalifa, 66, died of a heart attack at the weekend.

As in the recent transfer of power in Jordan after the death of King Hussein, the Sheikh's Sandhurst-trained eldest son, Crown Prince Ha-mad, was sworn in as the new Emir of the small oil-rich island which has played a key role in US and British policy in the region for many years and which is linked by a causeway to Saudi Arabia.

Although Sheikh Hamad, like the new King Abdullah II of Jordan, is primarily an army man, he has had more experience in the day-to-day running of the country

Bahrain is home to the bigwhen the Sunni Muslim ruling family is embroiled in a long-running conflict with milgion and its ruler died shortly after talks with William Coitant members of the Shia hen, the US Secretary for De-Muslim majority, who com-prise about 65 per cent of the 580,000 population, live mostfence, who was on a visit. Sheikh Isa offered facilities to the US Navy, discreetly at first ly in poor villages ouside the gleaming capital, Manama, because of popular resentment and have been encouraged in against a foreign military presence, then openly during and after the 1990-91 Gulf crisis.

the mullahs in Tehran. The religious differences have been exacerbated by the He also allowed the use of Bahrain airfields by British and American planes. After late Emir's decision in 1975 the Gulf War, he travelled to after a two-year experiment in democracy - to dissolve the National Assembly and sus-Washington to sign a security The new Emir was already commander-in-chief of the pend the Constitution.

Western governments have largely turned a blind eye to the heavy-handed tactics of the Bahraini security forces in what has often come to resem-

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Sheikh Hamad receiving condolences in Manama yesterday on the death of his

Talks on Lebanon pullout BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

THE Israeli Prime Minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, yesterday sent a special envoy to Paris for discussions on the terms for an Israeli withdraw-al from the buffer zone it occupies in south Lebanon, Israeli army radio reported.

The trip appeared to have been organised by the Prime Minister after Salim Hoss, his Lebanese counterpart, indicated in a BBC interview at the weekend that, if Israel withdrew from south Lebanon, his Government would prevent cross-border attacks by Islamic and Palestinian guerrillas.

The future of the costly Israeli military presence in the nine-mile-wide buffer zone has emerged as a prime issue in the May 17 general election af-ter the recent killing of seven more Israelis there, including a brigadier-general, and a pledge by the main opposition candidate, Ehud Barak, the Lahome" within 12 months if he

Mr Netanyahu would not confirm the report that he had sent his top diplomatic advis-er, Uzi Arad, to France for talks on the situation. "I prefer not to give details about our diplomatic contacts," he said.

The radio did not say when Mr Arad left or who he planned to meet in Paris.

Damascus to rearm Saddam

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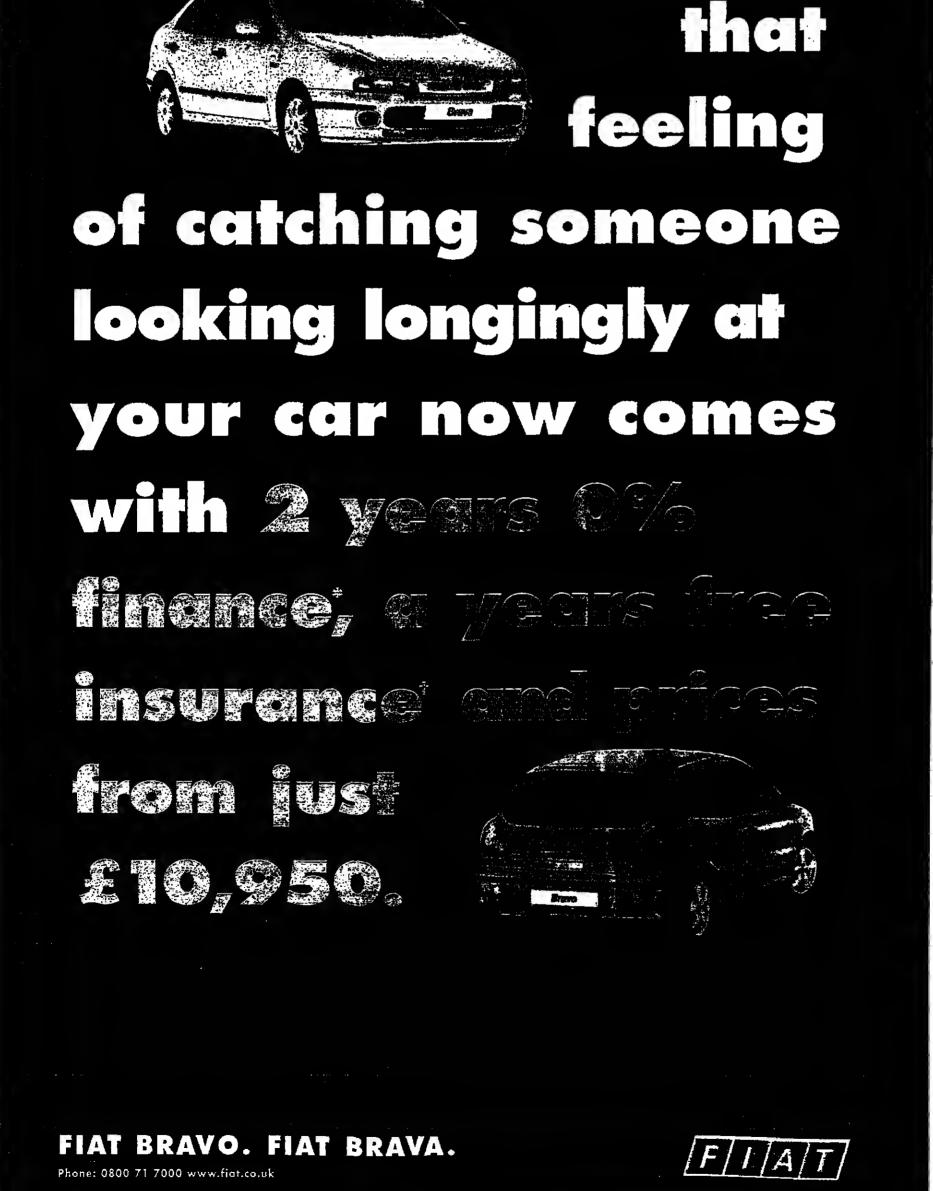
A SECRET deal las been agreed between Sria and Iraq for the supply of military equipment to according to Middle East intelligence sources.

Relations between the two countries have been improving significantly it recent months, with agreements already signed to develop both political and co-operation.

Now, after a new deal between the Syrian and Iraqi intelligence services military equipment valued at about £60 million is to be shipped across the border, the intelligence sources said.

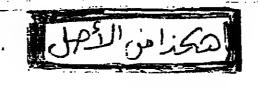
Since the 1991 Gilf War, President Saddam Hussein has faced a severe shirtage of spare parts for his army because of the international arms embargo. Under the Damascus agreement. Syrian ment would be converted for use by the Iraqi, Aimy, the sources said. The pails would include engines for Russianmade tanks and tracks for armoured fighting vehicles.

Syria is also expected to supply spares for anti-aircraft radar facilities — hit by recent American and British bombing — lorries: aircraft and helicopters, and ammunition.



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The new philanthropists

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Millionaire Torquil Norman and heiress Sabrina Guinness are both dedicated to helping disadvantaged children. Grace Bradberry and Vanora Bennett report

WHEN this decade began, there was much talk about the caring. sharing Nineties. With the country mired in recession and individuals scrambling to look after themselves, it sounded like empty Zeitgeist rhetoric. Yet with the millennium upon us, there are signs that this has indeed become a more caring, sharing decade. Over the past ten years, there has been a general realisation that the welfare state cannot solve all society's ills. Rather than locking the front door and blocking their minds, however, people

seem more inclined to embrace social problems as their own.

Those who are "getting involved" do not necessarily support new Labour. Yet whatever you think of the arrogance and spin of the Blair project, there is no doubt that at its heart lies a social conscience. In this the Government and its People are one. We have rejected both the notion that the poor should help themselves. and that of handouts, in favour of an inclusive society where the haves and have nots work together for a better community.

Companies are not just giving to charity, they are also involving their employees. Accountants painting hostels would have been unheard of in the Eighties. Individuals, too, have ceased to view charitable giving as a way to salve the conscience while improving their tax position. They want to do something. Social Entrepreneurs, identified by Charles Leadbeater in a 1997 Demos report, take under-utilised resources and use them to satisfy immet social needs. Such people give the lie to Margaret Thatcher's observation that "no one would remember the Good Samaritan if he'd had only good intentions. He had money as well."

We are also seeing the rise of the "new philanthropists", who prove that an entrepreneurial spirit and a social conscience are not incompatible. Torquil Norman exemplifies the breed. Having built a £100 million company from nothing, he is now putting both his money and his time into a visionary project.

rane-like, Torquil Nor- amounts to a hugely ambitious philmop of dark hair. "Are you playing that?" he asks, curious at the musical talents of the small boy with his miniature organ. The child, who is Bulgarian and part of a travelling circus family, doesn't answer, but smiles instead. Norman smiles, too, straightens his 6ft 7in frame and looks around him at the shadowy grandeur of the Camden Roundhouse, in North London.

Norman, 66, is a man who could as soon ignore a child as perform acrobatics on the steel drums suspended above his head. He made his fortune from "kids", as he calls them, setting up Bluebird Toys in the Eighties and becoming one of that decade's most successful entrepreneurs. Now, as the saying goes. he is "giving something back", and the Roundhouse is part of his gift. The day we meet, his acquisition

scems a quiet, gloomy but monu-mental place. A door at the back has been forced open. There are padlocks to keep people out. But it won't be like this for much longer. Already it has been filled with the sounds of 100 young people taking part in a workshop run by Stony, a theatrical troupe that makes music from dustlin lids. Soon, Norman hopes, it will be filled with young people not only making music but also producing videos and films, learning multimedia skills, designing clothes and using recording stu-dios — a purpose designed training centre for 13 to 20-year-olds. It

man stoops towards the anthropic scheme, but Norman has that rare ability to make ambitious schemes work. Throughout his life he has embarked on risky ventures and daring adventures, driven by the personal motto "if in doubt, do it". The New Yorker magazine described him as "the last buccaneer". and despite his languorous mariner, there is more than a touch of derring-do about him.

He has rescued and flown vintage planes that others deemed too dangerous. He founded a £100 million toy company, opening a fact-ory in a recession. And now he has bought the Roundhouse, an historic building left alone by more circumspect individuals. Constructed by Robert Stephenson as an engine maintenance slied, the Round-: house was a legendary venue of the Sixties and Seventies. Yet for the past 20 years it has been more or less neglected, gathering grime on the Chalk Farm Road. Norman's motivation is not so much to save... the building as the young people who live in its environs.

"I never thought I'd be driven by any emotional feeling in this sort of way," he admits. "But I've felt that throughout my life young people have got a worse and worse deal." In marketing focus groups, he noticed that it was "the gritty little sods who weren't especially dever. who had lots of the best ideas", and became determined to help them to get on in life. Rich, but not that rich, he has pledged a £6.2 million trust fund to the centre. To realise the Havilland DH85 Leopard Moth



Torquil Norman, the entrepreneur who has pledged a £6.2 million trust fund to turn Camden's Roundhouse into a purpose-designed training centre for 13 to 20-year-olds

dream, £10 million is needed from other sources. Norman believes the funding will come through. "You've got to believe," he says. But there is no guarantee that the Lottery Commission and Arts Council will say yes. If they don't, "I can't tell you what we'll do", he adds.

The project is not, however, a black hole for cash. The renovation has been conceived with commercial as well as charitable uses in mind. An extra level will be inserted below a glass roof, and art exhibitions, product launches and jazz events will take place there. There are even hopes for a Roundhouse record label. The undercroft, with its network of brick walls radiating from the centre like spokes, is to be converted into a series of studios.

: Meanwhile, Norman is seeking sponsorship for his latest epic flight. In July he will pilot a Thirties de

from England to the American airbase of Oshkosh. It is likely to be a hazardous trip, but Norman is driven by an obsession rooted in his childhood. His father was Sir Henry Nigel St Valery Norman, a talented architect and courageous aviator, who built London's first airport. then started up the airborne servi-ces during the Second World War with Lieutenant-General Frederick (Boy) Browning. Sir Nigel died in 1943, on a flight to North Africa. Torquil, 10, had not seen his father

been evacuated to America. The flying bug had already entered Norman's soul. When he was a child his father built "a little pedal car in the shape of an aeroplane. On the side it said, GWAWP, It meant 'God Willing And Weather Permitting'." He and his brothers befriended a test pilot at the local airbase who would take them up.

He was educated at Eton, where wife, Anne Montagu, who was parhe became Head of Boats, and President of Pop, the elite group of boys who "ran" the school. He joined the Fleet Air Arm as a naval pilot. Despite being three inches over the height limitation, he managed to deceive the petry officer who measured him by bending his knees inside his bell-bonoms.

After National Service he followed his father and brothers into 601 Squadron and flew Meteors. "My legs were three inches too long - if I'd had to use the ejector seat, it would have knocked my legs off."

As for the motivation for these activities, "I'm sure everything was to do with my father", he says. He actively sought to be sent to Korea, but the war ended three weeks before he set out. His mother persuaded him to go to Camhridge instead. Afterwards he took a banking job in New York and met his achuding at the same airbase. Despite this hearty activity, she is an artist who trained at the Slade alongside Lucian Freud. Norman left banking and went

into industry, but in 1979 he was

ousted from the board of Berwick

Timpo, the toy company he had turned round. At 46 he was unemployed with five children. While lying in the bath nne day he came up with the idea for The Big Yellow Teapot, a plastic playhouse with a lid that nimed. Unable to bear the idea of someone else developing his idea, he started Bluebird Toys. The company went public in 1985 and

he retired in the early Nineties. He says, half jokingly, that he started the charitable trust because of his wife's profligacy. "My wife used to give my overdraft to good causes faster than I could keep up with it." He divided up everything

he had, directing a proportion of it to a charitable trust. When he made his fortune, so did the trust.

Norman is not one of those people who thinks that all youngsters would benefit from leaping out of aircraft simply because he did. The spirit of adventure "has something to do with how your genes are got together", he suggests, "But I do know one thing about young penple, which is that they have an infi-nite capacity for ideas. They should all have the chance to show commitment. The thing that gets you out of a lot of holes, it seems to me, is enthusiasm and the willingness to

"You simply can't say that they aren't totally redeemable."

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'I am just lucky to have something I love doing'

he cameraman is a society beauty, later a Holly-arguing with a produc-er. Other production past five years, the founder staff are poring over sched-ules. As he waits for the day's celebrity visitor, a nervous presenter is trying out his ques-tions. It is just like a real TV studio, in fact - except that all the workers are teenagers or

younger.

Children as young as eight scurry up and down the stairs of a former car salesroom in West London, purposeful and motivated as they absorb the basics of TV production.

Somewhere in the bustle a slim blonde with a slightly distracted air can be seen wasting about on an endless round of problem-solving. This is Sab-rina Guinness, first known as

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and director of Youth Cable "Every day is different," says Guinness. "It's exciting. Young people today should be Television (YCTV).

given a voice; they seem to be the focus of so much attention. from the public and from politicians, but are we listening enough to them? For those aged from 18 down to 11; and for "Kids' Club" members from 8 to 12. Guin-

ness's training project has proved a godsend. Most of the 300 children on the books are from three tough estates around Ladbroke Grove, North Kensington, a tran-sitional district where ex-tremes of wealth cross over with extremes of deprivation, where tower blocks and prefab housing intersect with genteel Georgian stucco, and where crime, drugs and unemployment are among the possible

fates awaiting young people.
"My family like it that I come here," says 18-year-old Kae Iden, who is between two college courses and has become one of the project's star. scriptwriters. "They see I'm doing something good, not like, you know, I'm out there in the streets trying to rob people." He laughs self-deprecatingly.

Guinness, 43, is trying to arrange funding for one of Kae's scripts, a Trainspotterised" version of Oliver Twist, to make it into a feature film. Twe seen the positive changes in these young people," she says. "That's what I love most - the positive outcome."

The idea for the project grew out of Guinness's enthusiasm for work she had done in her Los Angeles days, encouraging youths from urban gangs who had fought each other in riots in 1992 — to perform together and make friends.

The English equivalent that Guinness set up, however, was not based on performance training but on encouraging her new charges to gain techni-



Sabrina Guinness, the founder and director of Youth Cable Television, in Kensington

cal skills in making TV. Using her well-stocked contacts book, Guinness raised enough funding to start training local children in 1994. Their carsalesroom home was converted into a TV studio in three days. The first programmes went on air in 1995 on a local cable channel, Cable & Wireless 60.

Philanthropy is an unorthodox career path for a woman who once dated the Prince of Wales and seemed destined for an heiress's lifestyle. Guinness is dismissive of questions about her past, as she is about the interpretation sometimes put on her work — that she is a latterday Lady Bountiful dispensing charity to the poor.

"Prince Charles was 20 years ago: it's not relevant," she says calmly. "The fact that I then worked in the film business was incredibly useful: I got to know how it works and I got to know some of the penple, so that couldn't be better. ."As far as Lady Bountiful goes, I just consider myself lucky to have found something I love doing. I love the creative process of film-making and I love children, and I've managed to put the two together. It's good to get up in the morn-

ing and want to go to work.
"If your name is Guinness, you're branded. That can irritate me, because it stems from not looking into what I'm doing here. But I've accepted it." Four years on, the studio is

putting together three halfhour slots a day, with chat shows, music and movie programmes, interviews and pieces made by the Kids' Club. "What is attractive about it is that Sabrina brings her own juice to it," says Tulip Tuitt.

YCTV's new executive produ-

cer. "She knows a lot of people.

She provides us with many

short cuts. Plus, we have chari-

table status. That, and the

young people who are so interested in TV, is an exciting combination." One of the lures for local kids is the star-studded guest list. Harrison Ford, Mel C and Chris Smith are among those interviewed at YCTV.

hildren who have been sidelined academically ✓ at school can find a fresh start here, learning such techniques as film editing or animation. We had one person who was excluded from school when he was 14 and was in here for the next three years. Now he's a good editor, says Tuit. · YTCV, which offers chil-

dren a free induction course and then lets them specialise in the area of TV for which they have the most ralent, is more than a social safety valve. It equips them with confidence and exposure to TV culture, which will help them into jobs in the

bers have moved on to college or jobs in the TV industry. We hope that in the future we will be able to put more people into jobs, but TV is very whitedominated, very Oxbridge-dominated, says Tuitt.

However, YCTV is not the only project bringing the media to the youth of North Kensington. The area, which is near Notting Hill, the media elite's home of choice in West London, is the easy-access target for magnates with big hearts. Also operating near by are the North Kensington Video and Drama Project and Massive Videos, and several youth clubs with film and photography equipment.

in a way, kids around here are spoilt for choice. They're calm, almost blase, about celebrities," says Leah Drane, 25. YCTV's welfare officer. To give access to the facilities to teenagers in less well-supplied districts, she has spent ome broadening the catchment areas. Many of the members come from East and South London or farther afield. 'Having lots of people from

the media, who can help, living in the borough is a big advantage," says Guinness. "The young people who come here in term-time are mostly local. But in the holidays we get people from all over England."

As its technical expertise grows. YCTV makes its own programmes and works on commissions for TV companies. BBC Choice. Carlton Digital and Disney are talking to Guinness. Sky recently put up funding for Tuits job.

Raising the £300,000 a year needed to keep the studin going has been Guinness's biggest worry; but now, she says. TV companies are starting to recognise the value of a new source of ideas and workers.

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were more lovely versions of the Baguette and the Croissant, and for those who cannot cram their belongings into either of these, there is a chunky new knitted Arran, ideal for those country walks.

It really is a case of Bag
Wars. Not since 18th-century courtiers placed their fake beauty spots according to their political allegiances has so much significance rested on

something so insubstantial. But this season's bag is, with-out doubt, Gucci's Jacqueline - the abiquitous squashy shoulder sack - which will not have gone unnoticed by Bernard Arnault, the head of LMVH, who is trying to in-crease his shares in Gucci and slip it in with the rest of his

portiolio, comprising Celine, Dior, Loewe, Louis Vuitton, Lacroix and Christian

Givenchy.

M Arnault has said that he can make Gucci more profitable. But none of LMVH's fashion houses - not even Dior has managed to come up with a must-have bag each season as Gucci has done.

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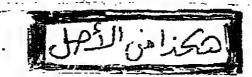
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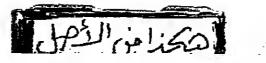
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MILAN FASHION WEEK

Sweeties, ditch those shoes









Ugly shoes are at the hear; of winter's kitsch and country look. Photographs by Simon Walker

verywhere you looked in to shooting them-Milan last week there selves in the foot.

was an example of monyou know there's
stroug footwear clomping trouble ahead when a strous footwear clomping down the catwalk. At Prada they came with splayed toes and heels in bilious shades of orange or slimegreen leather that had been tooled o look like plastic (and, boy, are we over that little trick). At Jil Sander, they were turquoise or olive plasticleather: Armani grafted techno-rubber soles on to patent brogues: SportMax revived the stacked heel and Dolce e Gabbana came up with mean-coloured python boots with mirrored cuboid beels so that a girl can put her make-up on anytime, any place - very droll, until you looked at the flared toes. What is wrong with everyone?

Ugly footwear is fine at highstreet level; but at £200 a throw, it's a tedious little piece of perversity. The lastime Prada produced a major shoelabomination it didn't exactly fly out the stores.

Customers may have become in-ured toothe aesthetic fallout of the trainer influence, but it was interesting to see the Min Min store, normally backed to the gunwhales with fashion types eager to divest their wallers of bulky live, strangely empty. Maybe even Muscole Prada cannot convince people that a line rescent rubber clock is desirable. Given that so many companies rely into hideous shoes comes very close

designer as shrewd as Tom Ford admits: We're on the edge of fashion as we know it being really out of fashion. Most wom-

en I know - and this is a horrible thing to say as a designer -- do noi rear current clothing. Fashion has become so hyped ... which we're partly to blame for. Sweeties, disch those shoes.

Alas, they are at the heart of one of Milan's key looks for next winter, echoing those tricky late Sixties/ early Seve :: s colours - mustard. orange, compat-brown and moss green - that defaced the catwalks, as well as the techno look pioneered by Helmut Lang. This urban-sport idea seemed refreshing at the time, but after six days of nylon, khaki, extraneous zips, important-looking flaps and balaclava hoods, its charms are beginning to pall.

At Jil Sander's uncharacteristically unfocused show, wonderfully clever fabric techniques abounded - elastic rayon over silk ileece, gab-ardine coated with foam rubber. cotton glazed with chints, stiff-look-ing felt coats — but much of it



looked like those depressing nylons that used to come from the Eastern bloc. The beautiful, tactile pieces she is known for were back in the showroom. This widespread urge to make dour clothes is curious.

Still, if Strenesse, Armani, Jil-Sander and bits of Prada all got stuck in ersatz functionalism, others took the opposite approach and this is where national differences are charmingly illustrated.

In Britain a rural outlit trans-lates into a decomposing jumper, a sagging pair of trousers with - if you're lucky-faint traces of corduroy and silage-caked wellies. In Italy, a rural outfit is a fringed leather coat lined with pashmina (Marni). a 28-ply cashmere loose-weave, funnel-necked sweater (MaxMara). some painstakingly aged flat leather boots (Tod's), a rosebud print top (SportMax), worn with a long, flared blanket skirt trimmed with

ric-rac and bound with animal-print ponyskin (Alberta If MaxMara's ru-

ral idyll was conven-

tional and comfortable, with long, gathered, tartan mohair skirts, duffel coats, detachable sheepskin linings and shaggy trims. Sport-Max was more than a little deriva-

rive of Marni in the way it mixed rosebuds with tweeds. In fact, all week there was evidence that Marni is starting to make its influence felt. The prob-

lem is that Milanese quirkiness is often just a little too perfect. Alberta Ferretti's rustica, meanwhile, was seductively pretty, apart from her enthusiastic use of a rather difficult brown. Embroidered sheepskins were combed to look like Afghan coats; hems were bonded rather than seamed; dresses were fied with ribbons and Native

wood blue or camel felts. Dolce e Gabbana recreated a 'typical" Sicilian village that, needless to say, bore no resemblance to real life, unless there is a corner of Sicily where 6ft peasants troll around in neon-beaded, plastic

American beading decorated Wedg-

raincoats or yellow mink microskirts. There were some beautiful embroidered chiffon capri pants and jackets but also more than a little kitsch: designing a show to be photogenic is smart, omitting to include a single outfit that could be worn outside a Neapolitan night-

club might not be. Inevitably, Prada turned the most thought-provoking spin on country life, playing off decorative rural touches against technical functionalism. Khaki chiffon skirts, appliquéed with oak leaves and scored through with zips, were worn with leggings and mesh corsets that were more urban-combat than Dangerous Liaisons. Miuccia Prada said that she was inspired by the English countryside.

There was a third way between The Archers and Bladerunner. No one does trashy in a classier way than Tom Ford. Gucci's paean to LA rock-chick style featured skin-tight bell-bottoms, tiny, fined leather tunics and jackets embellished with leather rosenes and trumpetshaped sleeves. Ruched velvet pencil skirts and vertiginous, silverspangled shoes marched down the

catwalk with an Eighties swagger. Yes, you had to be skinny to wear 99 per cent of it. And tall. But at least you felt it would be worth the effort. Ford declared it a backlash against utility. "All those back-- throw all that crap out." Amen.



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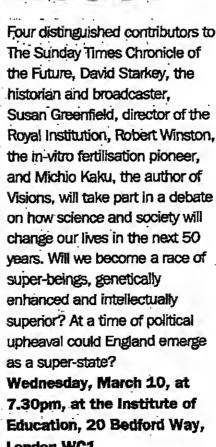


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aul Mellon's recent death robbed us of an outstanding benefac-tor, whose enthusiasm for British art transformed its representation in his native America. But Mellon's legacy is set to endure, above all in the great museum he founded and endowed at Yale University. The Yale Centre for British Art, housed in a luminous building designed by Louis Kahn, contains the finest historical collection of British painting to be found

anywhere outside the UK. Sadly, Kahn's building was closed all last year. The roof needed urgent attendon; and while its 56 domes were being refitted, the galleries were sup-plied with new backing wallboards, linen and carpets. Now it has reopened, with an interior as pristine as it was when inaugurated in 1977.

Kahn's architecture, dominated by concrete, steel and glass on the austere façade, becomes far richer within. The Entrance Court, surging up through the full height of the building so that it benefits from the glazed domes' toplighting, offers a spectacular welcome. Not that Kahn relin-quishes his Corbusian love of concrete inside. It remains visible wherever you look, and takes on an awesome authority in the cylindrical staircase.

With considerable daring, Kahn exposed the outside of this great drum to anyone gazing down from above. It looks like minimal sculpture at its most uncompromising, above all when viewed from the well of the Library Court. But the wood in panelling and floor. as well as a magnificent rug spread between the sofas, off-

set any threat of gloom. Moreover, the walls of the ibrary Court have been re-

VISUAL ART: The great benefactor Paul Mellon would have loved his beautifully refurbished Yale Centre for British Art, says Richard Cork

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ed in a headlong canvas of

Although the centre's collec-

tion does not extend very far

into the present century, its

ebullient director, Patrick Mc-

Caughey, has ensured that the

reopening is marked by three

stimulating shows devoted to

pre-eminent modern artists.
The Entrance Court is filled

were

attempts to fuse female and

But most of Moore's exhib-

its are post-1945, when he be-

gan to favour bronze and em-

barked on a sequence of fami-

ly groups. Inspired perhaps by the birth of Moore's own child.

they look like an attempt to af-

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caust. After a time, though, dis-

quiet breaks out. In a small

Mother and Child from Wash-

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large Warrior figures, among

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Moore, concentrat-

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hung to dramatic effect. Now the cream of the paintings by George Stubbs, an abiding favourite of Mellon, are displayed around the room. Previously, the two largest and most provocative Stubbs canvases. Horse Attacked by a Lion and Lion Attacking a Stag, were hung far above visi-tors' heads. Now they confront us at eve level.

The main sweep of the collection. though, can be found on the fourth floor. Rearranged in a series of themes, it tells a have been broadly chronological story of British rehung to painting from Tudor times to the eardramatic ly 20th century, Mellon bought

Gainsborough at an early. captivat-ing stage, when the young artist lived in Suffolk and painted the Gravenor family at ease on the

edge of a sunlit cornfield. The outcome is the quintessence of freshness, bathing the Ipswich apothecary with his wife and delectable daughters in a luminosity Gainsborough would Mellon did not stint when

he had the chance to acquire masterpieces by celebrated artisis. Nothing could be more vibrant than Turner's large, immaculately preserved pano-rama of Dordrecht, while Constable is seen at his most agitatMoore's few attempts to explore the male form, show brutally severed victims scarcely capable of holding shields to protect themselves from further assault.

In this respect, they are surprisingly close to the emotions generated by another show upstairs: a Francis Bacon retrospective. The range of Bacon's art is here, from a phantomlike Crucifixion painted in 1933 to a mysterious, impulsive Jet of Water painted a few years before his death. The Yale survey does compelling justice to the flowering of the artist's vision, displayed in inti-mate spaces that intensify the theatricality of Bacon's art.

nother painter who came to maturity after the war. Lucian . Freud, is scrutinised in the third show. It concentrates on his etchings alone, lent by the PaineWebber Art Collection. They provide a remarkably absorbing insight into Freud's achievement. even though he abandoned etching for three decades after an initial involvement with the medium during the 1940s. Starting with his resump-

tion of interest in 1982, the survey charts Freud's probing. alert scrutiny of heads and bodies alike. Most of them close on the sitter, fascinated above all by the human face's capacity to disclose individuals at their most stoical, contemplative and solitary. Freud's mastery increases as the exhibition proceeds, and his latest prints arrive at a magisterial command of a medium he was born to explore.

 Bacon, Freud and Moore at the Yale Centre for British Art (001-203 432 2800), 1080 Chapel St. New Haven, Connecticut, until





Modern masters: (left) Lucian Freud's Lord Goodman in his Yellow Pyjamas (1987); Henry Moore's Reclining Woman (1930).



The full range of Francis Bacon's work is on show at Yale University in Connecticut, including Untitled (1943 or 1944)

Gluck runs out in the gloom

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the River Styx and go through Hades to find his beloved esenting problems for the Eurydice, but that is no good ballet corps of eight in the Dance of the Blessed Spirits. reason for filling Gluck's Orpheus and Eurydice with Sty-gian gloom. Martha Clarke, The new Orpheus, the Polish counter-tenor Artur Stethe American choreographer fanowicz, literally has to sturnwho has returned to the Coliseum to direct her unlovely 1997 ble his way through the murk. production, seems more intent than ever on putting massive obstacles between Gluck's score and the audience. She shunts the admirable ENO chorus off to the side-stage boxes so that they do not get in the way of her dancers. She then allows her design-er, John Conklin, to strew the

His voice is clean and even, although it tends to lose power in the lower register. His Eng-lish is less good and does scant justice to Anne Ridler's crisp translation. But Che faro was sung with deep feeling, very slowly, and tenderly supported by the Baroque expert, Roy Goodman, in his house debut.

through bafflement at Orpheus's behaviour to outright anguish. Mary Nelson's Amor would have more impact had the costume designer. Jane Greenwood, given her some-thing half decent to wear. Grungy, outsize black overcoats were the order of the day. Even here Martha Clarke

much clearer as Eurydice, as

her soprano flowed easily

After entombing Gluck be-tween the dry ice of Hades and one of Greece's rockier places, she suddenly decides to have a frolic. The dancers toss a skeleton high into the air with the help of a sheet, like medical students having ribald fun dur-

reverence for the works some-

moods fused in a final envoi of

perfect expressive proportion.

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a flaxen-haired moppet strews

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A SUCCESSION of standing ovations at the Festival Hall failed, thank goodness, to squeeze any encores out of the pianist Maurizio Pollini at the end of a recital of late Peethoven Bagatelles and Variations. The unhysterical warmth of that applause recognised the consummatory stature of Pollini's performance of the Diabelli Variations.

stage with jagged boulders,

ORPHEUS may have to cross

Pollini announced the theme with frisky mischief, soon transmuted into a tongue-in-cheek, toy-soldier march. By the third variation Beethoven's and Pollini's intellects were busy tying musical knots which were as speedily unravelled in the playful rhythms of the fourth and the one-man-band flamboyance of

After the planistic strobe-lighting of the tenth variation's rapid octaves, it was time for transformation. From

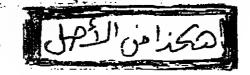
CONCERT times tempted him to keep just too tight a grip on the music. But in the last great Op 126 Pol-lini's grasp of the cumulative power of their alternating

a new beginning, the energy Pollini so skilfully built in long stretches of quiet tension was carried over into the Presto scherzando and on into the drumming bass of the Allegro. This created a sense of continuing metamorphosis as well as mere variation.

With the four isolated opening notes of Variation 20, Pollini scented out the way forward for the last 13 variations. The naughty Don Giovanni variation became a springboard for outrageous virtuosity before Pollini's last five variations created a true sense of the visionary as the theme made a final return, humbled, chastened and transfigured.

Earlier in the evening. Pollini bad drawn in his audience in the two sets of Bagatelles. In the earlier Op 119 his obvious

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haunting love sto-ries in the lanhome ground (or near enough) by a theatre at the top of its game: I had high hopes for this production. But Emily Bronte's masterpiece, with its multiple narrators and its rough-liewn emotions rooted in the rough-hewn landscape of the Yorkshire Moors, is notoriously resistant to the over-tures of lesser talents. So it proves with Malcolm Sutherand's new adaptation, which he also directs, at the West Yorkshire Playhouse.

MENT STREET

The biggest problem is the script. It simply tries to do too much, and ends up as little more than a drawn-out synop-



sis. Many an earlier version. including the Olivier-Leigh film, made do with the first half of the novel, throwing in the towel after Cathy's death.
Sutherland bravely ploughs on to the end. He sensibly re-arranges events in chronological order, but even so the innumerable short scenes are abruptly truncated.

Which means that few of the characters are given enough breath to establish themselves. let alone their relationships with each other. Heathcliff and Cathy are treated no better than the rest. Sutherland whips through their childhood in a couple of minutes. You have to take their growing attraction on trust from the narrator, the servant Nelly Dean, who has unwisely been retained. Nelly is the linchpin of the novel — her matter-of-fact narration makes the wild passions she describes at once more believable and more extraordinary. But though she is capably played by Jacqueline King, having her on stage throughout diffuses the drama. Unfortunately, too, while newcomer Elisabeth Dermot-



Rough stuff: Chook Sibtain as Heathcliff and Elisabeth Dermot-Walsh as Cathy in Malcolm Sutherland's half-hearted Wuthering Heights

Walsh makes an appealing Cathy, Chook Sibtain's clumsy performance captures none Heathcliff's diabolical charm. Where he should be

seething, he acts petulant, where brooding, vacant. Much more characterful are Cathy Sara as Catherine, the

sweet-natured daughter of Cathy and Edgar, and Ed Pur-ver as the lily-livered Linton, son of Heathcliff and Isabella. Sutherland slows the pace down towards the end, and their scenes together are sharp-

py sister Isabella, but elsewhere the acting and directing are mostly leaden.

The ingenious set, by Robin Don, is likewise ambitious but flawed. Several levels of two houses - the Heights and Edgar's Grange — pivot in and scudding clouds — not to mention a scan of a baby in

stage. This pushes much of the action into the corners, though it also cleverly allows several scenes to go on in tandem. The rest is bare but for some gauze screens, on to which are projected images of rocks, flowers

the womb. Echoing the novel's mulople layers and conflation of symbolism and realism is an admirable intention, but the literalism is deadening, and like much else it ends up seeming merely half-hearted.

NIGEL CLIFF

son. Moreover, the dialogue

tends to mix the authentically

old with the plonkingly new

"if we do good it will help us

live down our past as Puri-

tans"), and the visual imagina-

tion seldom amounts to more

than signalling the plague with scuttling figures holding

kerchiefs to their mouths and

wailing "God have mercy". Yet it is hard to resist

Wilton's Pepys, with his ear-

nest patriotism, bad eyes and

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A cluttered history lesson



Sophie Walker as Pepys's wife Elizabeth and Nick Wilton as the great diarist in the Good Company production

Len's for the humbler variety of thespian. On Sundays companies going from Liverpool to Birmingham, or Abervstwyth to Leeds, would stop there for a change of trains, a chat, maybe a fishpaste sandwich. Most troupes these days are tiny tribes buzzing about in vans; but a few still make the traditional tour of the larger regional theatres, presenting worthy plays on slim budg-ets and seldom if ever ending in the West End. A prime example would, I suppose, be Good Company, which has spent a decade criss-crossing the country with the likes of Fenella Fielding, Jonathan Cecil and Miriam Karlin in work varying from Pride and Prejudice to Sue Townsend's Ear. Nose and Throat.

This week Good Company is ensconced in Crewe itself.



justifying and not quite justifying its defiantly downright name with Dennis Saunders's informative but clunky dramatisation of Pepys's life during the phase, 1660 to 1669, when he wrote his Diaries. I could have waited to see the show until it hit Guildford. Camerbury or Brighton, but an interest in the subject and an admiration for the underrated Edward de Souza, who sounds more like a bravura prumpet solo than any actor living, drew me to the Wimbledon Theatre last

Saunders and his director, Sue Pomeroy, have rejected the simplicity that gave us Roy Dotrice and (recently) Michael

cars ago Crewe, junction was a sort of Joe Alcluttered room mumbling out extracts from Evelyn's diaries, and opted for a much more ambitious approach. The balconies of two houses jut out over characters that include Charles II. royal mistresses from Lady Castlemaine to a briefly glimpsed Nell Gwyn, and politicians galore. De Souza gives his vocal all to the task of evoking a profit-obsessed City banker, but, like everyone har Nick Wilton's wonderfully flummoxed if uncharismatic Pepys, does not

have a very rounded role. A major problem is the political complexity of a decade which began in a spirit of post-Puritan relief and, after plague, the Great Fire, wars with the Dutch, lechery at court and financial corruption everywhere, ended with men yearning for another Cromwell. The evening sometimes

the body of a dumpy penguin. or Casanova transformed into the school swot; and you have a most appealing performance.

BENEDICT **NIGHTINGALE**

All in the songs

he Trash Can Sinatras belong to an estimable tradicion of literate Scotosh pop bands who meld metaphors and melodies to quite brilliant effect. Orange Juice and Aztec Camera would be their most obvious predecessors but the Kilmarnockbased group have never en-joyed the same level of com-mercial success.

Rather they have skulked around on the fringes of cultdom, retaining a small but fiercely loyal and quite fanatical following over the course of the past ten years. Despite having kept a public profile only marginally lower than Sal-man Rushdie's for the past three years and, at time of writing, no record deal to help to reaunch their career, the Trash Can Sinatras managed to draw a more than healthy crowd to Dublin's Mean Fiddler on Friday. I spoke to one fan who had travelled all the way from Chicago especially for the gig.



The band have, however just completed a brief but suc cessful tour of Japan and it seems the tide may be turning their way as there is talk of an imminent recording contract. Indeed, it takes confidence to begin a show with new, unfamiliar material but that's what Frank Reader and his chums did. In truth, it was a pretty subdued, low-key start but nevertheless there were some beautiful flourishes courtesy of Paul Livingston and John Douglas's twin chiming gui-tars and Reader's mournful vocals, the tone and phrasing of which carries ever more distinct echoes of Morrissey's.

Indeed, at times the Trash Can Sinatras sounded as if they were playing lost out-takes from the Smiths' first album - an impression reinforced by the presence of a Hammond organ. I, for one, was not complaining.

Moreover, a cursory scan of the venue reveals a constituency of bespeciacled, seriousminded, single blokes who, one suspects, once had Morrissey posters tacked to their walls. They greet the melodic nous and discreet charm of the likes of Hayfever. The Hairy Years and The Safecracker with open hearts as well and new songs, like Duty Free, with open minds.

If there is a fault it is in the presentation; there is precious little visual stimulation at work here. At worst, the sixpiece unit that is the Trash Can Sinatras live experience has the stage presence of a drum monitor.

But what they lack in theatrical dynamics they make up for in their handling of the basics. ie, the songs. I've Seen Every thing - the otle track of their second album - is an irresisti-ble blast of perfect guitar pop

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From Graceland to the world

Who are you kidding, Mr Blair?

It is time to face economic reality

in Europe, says Peter Shore

7 hat Britain and the Government need is not the launch of an expensive pre-referendum campaign on the euro, disguised as a purely technical and preparatory National Changeover Plan, but a total rethink of our whole posicion on Europe and the euro. To start with, the Prime

Minister must face the fact that, like so many of his predecessors, he has failed to recognise - or blinded himself to - the central reality of European polioes: namely, that the persistent, powerful and now dominant intent of a clear majority of the EU's member states is to establish a close poliocal union, leading as rapidly as possible to a fully integrated European

This purpose has been clear to anyone who has followed events in Europe since the negociation of the Maastricht treaty in the late 1980s. In the run-up to the launch of the euro on January I, more and more European political leaders have stated in public, loud and clear, that this is their

basic intent. More, the whole poliocal enterprise has been given an addioonal very powerful and public thrust by the new German Government in the statements of Chancellor Schrö der, Oskar Lafontaine, the

Finance Minister, Joschka Fischer, the Foreign Minis-He is ter, and the Minister for Europe, facing a Günther Verheugen: and not one of the euroland II has situation attempted to contradict them. These very like facts by themselves require a major Bríosh rethink. that of Shortly before the 1997 general Major

his European policy in two clear sentences: "New Labour will have no truck with a European superstate" and "If there e in Europe who a federal superstate, we would refuse to go along".

Blair summed up

Assuming that he still holds to that position — and even allowing for a large element of fudge and self-deception, as when he and the Chancellor. Gordon Brown, persuaded themselves in November 1997 that the single currency didn't raise important poliocal or constitutional matters, only questions of economic advantage or disadvantage - intellectual honesty simply will not allow him the pretence any longer that there is not a fundamental and unbridgeable gap between the basic aims of the United Kingdom and those of our European partners. They do want a federal state -- super or not -as could not have been proclaimed more clearly than in Josepha Fischer's address to the Strasbourg Parliament on January 16. There is scarcely a poliocal leader in Europe who does not see and welcome the euro as a giant step towards that overtly poliocal end. Do we, Mr Prime Minister, still

'refuse to go along"? Scarcely less importantly. the Prime Minister, and most certainly the Chancellor, must rethink Britain's basic macroeconomic stance inside the European Union. Even before the 1997 general election, and

on almost every opportunity since, the Chancellor has gone out of his way — and the Prime Minister has unhappily indicated his agreement - to endorse the most monetarist and deflationary provisions of Maastricht.

So we have heard the endless celebration of "golden rules" of budgetary finance; the eulogies paid to prudence, particularly the prudence embodied in the treaty's restrictions on government borrowing, backed up by the heavy financial penalties and fines of the Stability Pact. And, if that wasn't enough, we have had the Chancellor's surrate policy - and exchange rate policy as well - and his enthusiastic endorsement of the European Central Bank, with its total independence from any poliocal control and a commitment to price stability which overrides any concerns about employment and economic ex-

Under the Germany of Chancellor Kohl, the ECB's restrictive, deflacionary monetarist doctrines were written into the Maastricht treaty. Now, after electoral changes across Europe as well as in Germany itself, there is a new regime under Chancellor Shrö -der committed above all to economic expansion and to a reduction of unemployment.

In the present conditions of economic near-recession in the eurozone's core countries, this means cuts in interest rates; it also means increases in public expenditure and borrowing, and possibly cuts in taxacion as well. Such policies are in contradiction to the treaty. Hence, the clash between German ministers and Wim Duisenberg, President of the Eu-

ropean Central Bank and Mario Monti, the European tax commissioner. So, whom and what do Mr support? Are they still the sturdy upholders of rectitude and the unchanged Maastricht treaty, or do they stand with the European majority and their Social Democrat allies in seeking a totally different policy direction? At Milan last week, with his renewed emphasis on the need for flexibility in labour mar-kets — and his contrasting of American economic success Prime Minister seemed to be opting clearly for the latter.

f so, Mr Blair is going to find himself — and this is quite apart from euroland's renewed drive for indirect tax harmonisation. its assault upon 'unfair tax competition" and Britain's "unfair" budget rebate - in a position very similar to that faced by John Major a few years ago: that is, the isoladon of Britain within the European Union. This is the very situation that in the past Mr Blair swore to avoid and for which he attributed blame solely to Tory incompetence and divi-

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sion. Reality at last?



An Englishman abroad

ow much would you trust a Labour Government to stand up for the interests of Britain? 1 think a large number of people would still say "a lot". That is one of the bigger differences between Tony Blair's administration and John Major's. After Britain was forced out of the European exchange system in 1993, most people lost faith in the ability of the Conservatives to stand up for Britain's interests; the biggest task for William Hague's Opposition is to recover that confidence. Nobody doubted that Margaret Thatcher would stand up for Bridsh interests. however much they disliked particular aspects of her Government. That

was why she won general elections of 1979, 1983 and 1987, a record run. This is what makes the answer to the same question in Scotland so damaging for Labour. "How much would you trust a Scottish Labour Government to stand up for the interests of Scotland?" That was one of the questions in last week's poll in "a lot". Thirty-three per cent said "a little": 23 per cent would distrust it "a little", and another 23 per cent would distrust it "a lot". It is the 15 per cent that matters. The campaign for the Scottish parliament is about standing up for Scotland. It is not about independence, at any rate not yet. It is about the representation of Scottish interests inside the United Kingdom; 85 per cent of Scottish voters lack full confidence in Labour as Scotland's advocate.

No one, I think, doubts that the Scottish Nationalists would stand up for Scotland. There are many fears about the dangers of Nationalist policy. Many Scottish voters do accept Labour arguments that the SNP would damage Scottish inter-ests by pursuing them too divisively. Alex Salmond's reassurances about a "friendly divorce" are intended to counter these arguments. Yet on the central question, whether the SNP would be a tough advocate of Scottish interest, a general answer

is "if anything, too tough". The other poll findings have some good and some bad news for Labour. Voting intendons could be worse. Labour has moved to a ten-point lead over the SNP; about a quarter of respondents prefer the Conservatives or the Liberal Democrats, and a quarter of all voters are still undecided. If this poll proves correct — the Scottish election is not unol May 6 - The Scotsman calculates that Labour would win 59 seats. six short of a majority, the The poll figures may look better, but

Blair is widely resented in Scotland

SNP 42. Conservatives 15, and Liberal Democrats 13. So far, so good for Labour. The problem will be turnout. Can the Scottish Labour Party gets its voters to the polls? Recent English local

government by-elections show how serious this problem could be, though the first elections to a Scottish parliament will be much more exciting than any local government by-election. In these English by-elections, the Labour Party has been performing about 10 per cent below its opinion poll ratings. The Conservatives, in the South and

Midlands, and the Liberal Democrats. in the North, have performing about 10 per cent above theirs. Nationwide opinion er Labour landslide at a general elecoon; local government results sug-gest a hung Parlia-

Apathy is Labour's enemy in how little enthusiasm there is among

Scottish Labour voters. Forty-one per cent of Labour voters, and 53 per cent of all voters, think that a Labour victory will not make much difference to Scotland. There is a groundswell of anti-English and anti-Blair feeling. Fifty-one per cent, even of Labour voters, think that Tony Blair should keep out of the Scottish election. He is seen as an Englishman, running an English Government. That sounds more like support for independence than for continued devolution inside the

United Kingdom.
From the Scottish point of view.
Mr Blair is believed to have opted for devolution in form but for what Diane Abbott called "command and control" in practice. Some problems are coming up already. The SDA Act retained broadcasting as a Westminster responsibility. The BBC, which has been fighting Scottish broadcasting autonomy for the past quarter century, has responded with two wrong-headed decisions. BBC Scotland wants to

run the news from six o'clock to seven in the evening as a Scottish operation, covering news from a Scottish point of view. The BBC governors have refused to allow this. Scotland will continue to get News at Six from London. The governors have also decided not to provide live coverage of the new Scottish parliament - a provocative

It is not only the BBC which is refusing to make even the mildest concessions. Deals are being worked out in Whitehall to define the boundaries of power between

London and Edinburgh. An early decision which has angered Scotland is that the Treasury, of to be given power to parliament's spending on inward inopposed by the Liberai Democrats as well as by the SNP. It is resented by the

Labour Left in Scot-Scotland. The answers to some other poll questions show land. There are many more such decisions to come. The voting inten-

tion figures do. therefore, look better for Labour than the attitudes or policy issues. Yet most people, even in Scotland, assume there will be a coalition between Labour and the Liberal Democrats to govern Scotland. It remains a possibility but it will not be that easy. The Liberal Democrats have their own agenda: they will not come into a coalition without a bargaining process. If Labour does less well than is now expected, the Lib Dems will be reluctant to share

Labour's declining popularity.

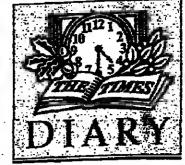
There is also the Labour Left to reckon with. Donald Dewar could form a coalition with the Liberal Democrats only if be reached agreed terms with his own left wing. He knows that In Blairite London, the Left has been excluded from high office, save for one or two token trusties. In Edinburgh, John McAl-lion, the Labour MP for Dundee East, has been made one of 20 campaign spokesmen. To quote lan Bell in The Scotsman, McAllion "is behaving like a candidate confident of his ability to offer an alternative to Blairism . . by placing the interests of the Scottish people, as he understands them, above any other loyalty, he is charting a course towards maximum autonomy for Labour in Scotland. So he comes within an inch of saying that the Scottish party should not in princi-ple be opposed to Scottish independ-

How has Mr Blair responded to this challenging situation? In Glas-gow, on Friday, he acknowledged the divisions in his party by an eloquent appeal for unity from old and new Labour, from Social Democrats and Socialists alike. He also repeated past attempts to frighten people away from the SNP. He used a tax scare, much the same theme as helped the Tories to defeat Labour in the 1992 general election. He said an SNP victory would cost every family in Scotland an extra.

£30 a week in taxes. The Scottish Labour Left is worried by this Nat-bashing, particularly when it comes from someone. they do not regard as a Scot. They feel that Nat-bashing can come too close to Scot-bashing; they do not accept that Scotland can survive only on English subsidies; they do want to increase state power, but they want that power to be in Edinburgh. John McAllion speaks of his sympathy with "people comfortable with their own Scottish identity". The Nationalists certainly feel comfortable with their own Scottish identity.

be English have not yet fully woken up to the historic importance of this first election for the Scottish parliament. Labour is likely still to be the largest party in Scotland, but its difficulties are serious. They will find it hard to get out their vote in May; they are divided between a minority of new Blairites and a majority of old or Left Labour; they see Blair himself as a middle-class English outsider. Many Labour voters sympathise with the Nationalists. Labour has had power for too long in Scottish local government, and there has been too much sleaze. If Labour does form the first Scottish government, it will be nothing like a clone of new Labour. The Scottish parliament will inevitably challenge the Westminster Parliament. Even if it is Labour, the first Scottish government will be the first post-Blair government to gain power in Britain.

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AFTER rolling in something rather pungent of late, Viscount Cranborne is to stride from the political stage — to set up a rare-breeds farm for his beloved pigs.

The Tory toff who crossed Wil-

liam Hague has vowed never to return to the Lords in its new egalitarian guise; instead he will devote himself to bacolic intrigues at Cranborne Manor: Pigs are the most charming, restful and clean characters. I have always loved them." he muses. "My wife gave me a Tamworth sow for Christmas."

He has a small collection, some of which are pets. I talk to them and they talk back. You can tell when they are down in the dumps. And they are very good to eat." He

reassures me. "I do not give them names if I am going to eat them." He is convinced there is now a market for pukka pigs. His only fear? That he will be mistaken for P.G. Wodehouse's Lord Emsworth, who christened a sow Empress of Blandings and cared little for literature since Whiffle on the Care of the Pig. Soon Cranborne will say goodbye to all the Lord Emsworths: The Lords has no interest left to me. I have been excluded."

FAY WELDON admits in next month's Harpers & Queen that she stole her first love from her best friend. He drove a Harley Davidson, and seems to have left quite an impression: "Still the sound of a motorbike pulling up ... what, only the courier?





FASHION harpies have reason to be nervous: a Hollywood studio has vacuumed up rights to Simply Divine, Wendy Holden's novel about Tatler. Warner Brothers is believed to want Gwyneth Paltrow, above left, to play one of the magazine's decorative but pointless aristos. "It could be the part that

makes Gwyneth," Holden says. The socially ambitious schemer, not to be confused with Jane Proctor, Tatler Editor, right, is thought perfect for Julia Roberts (suitably aged). Nicholas Coleridge, publisher of the magazine, is unlikely to be barrelling along with his popcorn.

WRITER'S block is to be the subject of a conference in Los Angeles, addressed by John le Carre As the pulp fictionalist has churned out a book every couple of years since 1961. it is a condition from which I doubt he has ever suffered, sadly.

SHELLSUIT man is to gain entry to clubland. The Naval and Military, known to cabbies as the in and Out, is advertising for members, the first time a gentleman's club has done so.

The club, now in digs in St James's Square, has advertised in the Literary Review, thus undermining that fine tradition the blackball. John Stevens, retired naval officer and deputy secretary, was caught unawares when I called: "I shall raise the matter with the marketing department on Monday morning.

Kenneth Rose, the eminent historian. says: "it's extraordinary. A lot joined in the war, when there was an enormous Army and Navy. I suppose they are all dying."



PLUTOCRATIC sorts are unfazed by the Labour Budget. As Gordon Brown unveils plans to, er, save the workers from poverty, the Saatchis will entertain cronies with a champagne reception.

■ AN UNCODLY conflict looms: Boris Johnson, the flaxen-haired commentator, is said to be barking after the Tory nomination in Sutton and Cheam - where Lady Olga Maitland hopes to regain her old seat for the Tories from the Liberal i. Democrats. "Boris is fabulous," Lady O assures me. "But unlike" him. I live in Sutton." Poor dear.

JASPER GERARD

'Moscow's teenaged black-marketeers seemed a lot more benign than my English friends, who were taking Ecstasy and shoplifting' nals, has stuck. As for poliocians, for the Russian peo-they were always considered ple." When you size

here is an unspoken understanding among Russians that anyone involved in big business or poliocs is essen-oally a crook and, try as you might, you usually end up conceding that this is true. Ask a Russian what she thinks of any of the key presidential contenders, or the businessmen who support them, and she will shrug and, depending on her politics, will say either: "Well, he's the best of a bad lot," or: "Everybody knows he's backed by the mafia." (I use a female example because it is International Women's Day today — a public holiday on which women sometimes receive presents and men invariably get

Under communism, anybody doing business privately was contravening Soviet law, and the impression that business is illegal, that people earning large a spy, he is really an idealist and Of course, one is quickly sums of money must be crimia visionary who wants the best shaken out of one's idealistic

deeply compromised people who had probably squealed on their enemies and had certainly taken innumerable bribes.

Nowadays, when accountability has all but disappeared, they must, it is universally assumed by the average conspiracy-theorist Russian, be even worse.

For a foreigner, it can be tempting to believe that it is too easy to write off all the new millionaires as maliosos and murderers, when perhaps they are no worse than Richard Branson or Bill Gates, and to dismiss politicians as powercrazed crooks, when they might be Nelson Mandelas inside. Looking at Yevgeni Primakov, the Prime Minister, one longs to think: "Perhaps, despite his Communist background and years as up Boris Berezovsky, it is almost possible to be charitable. "So he was a car dealer? Is

that really so awful?" one says hopefully. After all, the teenaged black-marketeers who used to stand outside tourist hotels changing your dollars into roubles and touting Russian

military hats, watches and belts in return for jeans and electronic goods would have got up to 15 years in prison under communism. It was just a difference in perception. To me, they seemed a lot more benign and law-abiding than my English friends of the same age who were taking Ecstasy and shoplifting.

advance that the currency would collapse on August 17? Sergei Kiriyenko, the former Prime Minister who is widely held responsible for the economic catastrophe, was seen by a British banker in the ski resort of Zermatt in January, relaxing in the sauna at the resort's most expensive hotel. "If you got rich in the past ten years here, you robbed the Russian

Russian, or to anyone trying to do business here. "Oh, come on!" they sigh. "So where do you think all the oil goes when it disappears off the face of the earth after going into the pipeline? Do you honestly believe they didn't know in

her parents are.) people and that's that," they

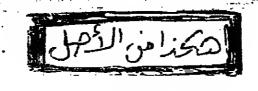
The outrage is compounded by the fact that so many people have had their lives altered beyond recognition, and for the worse, by the collapse of communism. and yet they have had to stand by while a fortunate few have started holidaying in Barbados, settling their families in London and banking in Switzerland. (The community of sons and daughters of eminent Russians in London has become so large that the Moscow gossip-columns are now full of stories from Knightsbridge, where it is considered vulgar to ask a new acquaintance exactly who his or

The world is aware that the life savings of millions of people were annihilated last August and, though one man did go and hold up a bank on Friday demanding the \$20,000 he had lost, most have taken this devastating blow in their stride,

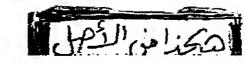
accepting it as just another sign that you can't trust anyone, that capitalists and politicians are fundamentally corrupt. And the trouble is, they are. The economic crisis has sent

hundreds of Western bankers, accountants, lawyers, businessmen and economists hurtling homewards (and those who are staying barely have time to do any work, what with the endiess round of leaving parties) and has left their Russian colleagues driving taxis. The bleak joke I heard from an economist last week about Anatoli Chubais, one of the original architects of Russian economic reform and now head of Russian state electricity, is depressingly pertinent. "Due to technical reasons," says Chubais, "the light at the end of the tunnel has been temporarily switched off."

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BORING AND SIMPLE

How Brown can do no harm with his Budget

When the Chancellor stands up in the House of Commons tomorrow some of his huckiest breaks will already be behind him. Scarcely six months ago evidence of a domestic slowdown lay in piles across his desk. Disturbing economic signs from all over the world threatened to undermine the arithmetic that he had set in force in his second Budget and elaborated with enthusiasm in the Comprehensive Spending Review last summer. Through his decision to transfer authority over monetary questions to the Bank of England, he had restricted some traditional means of escape. Growth forecasts were reduced. The Conservatives, led by Francis Maude, the Shadow Chancellor, confidently anticipated a severe recession. Many Labour MPs feared the same.

Fortune has favoured Mr Brown. The Bank of England, following the lead set by Alan Greenspan, the Chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board, has cut interest rates with an unexpected aggression. That action seems to have headed off the coming slump. The Chancellor will probably need to adjust his predictions once more but not by a significant margin. The assumed budget surplus of £5.5 billion will be met. maybe modestly exceeded. These healthy figures are largely the result of enhanced revenues from duties, corporate taxes and additional charges on pensions and sav-ings. These "self taxes" — as the Conservalives have called them - have been the making of the public finances.

The Chancellor is not, however, out of the dark woods yet and the economy remains vulnerable to outside uncertainty. His overwhelming objective at the macroeconomic level must be to do no harm. Any substantial increase in state expenditure would make it much harder for the Bank of England to cut interest rates again should that prove desirable. A sudden rise in taxation might push domestic demand in an adverse direction. Mr Brown would thus be wise to play safe, even be dull, confirming existing plans rather than changing them and hoping that his

experiment in monetary policy will continue to pay dividends.

That neutral framework will inevitably limit his room for microeconomic manoeuvre. Yet there are several useful initiatives he might take. He should certainly attempt to impose some simplification on the tax system. As Malcolm Bruce, the Liberal Democrat Treasury spokesman, noted last week, there are now some 54 differing rates of taxation across the fiscal spectrum compared with a mere seven when Labour came to power. This is a costly and inefficient exercise as well as one that has turned the self-assessment process into sadism. Mr Brown could also cut the corporation tax rates further: industry has suffered a net tax rise of nearly £3 billion

over the past two years.

The Chancellor also wants to do more to help the working poor, especially those with children. In this context, he is considering two measures: the taxation of child benefit to allow moneys saved to be redistributed; and the introduction of a new 10 per cent income tax rate. The logic behind the two moves is not entirely complementary. The current system of child benefit is criticised because it sends cash to individuals regardless of their income. Yet any 10 per cent income tax band would also do that. The Chancellor would use his resources better by extending his working families tax credit.

The taxing of child benefit is a more awkward issue. In principle, it is an admirable idea. In practice, it could create numerous anomalies and undermine the principle of independent taxation. If these administrative conundrums can be resolved in a fashion that is itself not impossibly complex. Mr Brown should proceed and ignore pressure group criti-cism. That may not be the case this year. These difficulties underline the urgent need to render taxation less bureaucratic and burdensome. The best Budget for the coming twelve months - and the best example for the future - will be one that is both boring and simple.

HOW TO SPEND IT

Some welcome signs of a new philanthropy

According to John D. Rockefeller "anyone who dies rich dies disgraced. Many of the very rich and privileged like to do good. And yet the path of philanthropy has never been smooth, attracting criticism either from socialists, who would like private charity to be unnecessary, and fellow capitalists, who think that idealism is a chimera and that self-help is the only help worth having.

Today The Times reports how a most unusual entrepreneur and aviation enthusiast, Torquil Norman, is establishing a training centre for 13 to 20-year-olds, pledging over £6 million of his personal. fortune to the Round House project in northwest London. And we look at how Sabrina Guinness, a scion of the brewing dynasty, has founded - and used her extensive social contacts to help to fund - a scheme intended to equip underprivileged young people with media skills. There is a new confidence among those using their money and skills for charity that is one of the great goods of the current age on both sides of the Atlantic.

Philanthropy's renaissance has been parked in part by failures in the welfare state and the acceptance, even by big government's most determined supporters, that attempts to alleviate poverty, both material and cultural, have too often proved costly failures. Social policies planned by politicians and administered by bureaucrats can alleviate symptoms of poverty more easily than they can reach into the causes. Private philanthropy,

always most powerful when successful individuals give ideas and time as well as money, seeks to fill this need.

The capitalist cavalry is led by captains of industry and finance. The likes of George Soros and Bill Gates are donating sums the size of underdeveloped economies to good causes. Others, Paul Hamlyn. Peter Lampl and their like, are giving smaller amounts but small fortunes nonetheless. These benefactors apply an entrepreneurial culture to philaruthropy. If a project does not result in its eexpected fall in unemployment or school truancy, it ceases. Performance is rewarded. Venture charity, like venture capital, aims for measurable results.

The greatest philanthropy comes from those whose sense of worth depends on their acknowledging the duty of the fortunate to help the less fortunate. Samuel Smiles's counsel did not preach only one sense of self-help. He argued that that "the duty of helping oneself in the highest sense involves the helping of one's neighbours".

In America, the tax regime encourages, charitable giving more actively than in Britain. Governments can create philanthropy, however, by setting a wider framework than a mere fiscal one. Philanthropy fundamentally depends onthe creation of wealth, wealth creation on enterprise, and enterprise on small government. But above that there is the sense, which ebbs and flows with political and social confidence, that good can and should be done by those with the resources to do it.

SLIPPERY SLOPES

Mass tourism makes the sublime Alpine scenery ridiculous

Faith may move mountains but free will forms traffic jams. The snowbound queues of cars currently snaking round Alpine switchbacks are made by tourists who chose this destination for a holiday break. And this weekend, as local authorities abandoned all hope of shifting them. families huddled down in whatever tempoary refuge could be created. Hannibal gould scarcely have made slower or more uncomfortable progress in his mountain crossing. And J.M.W. Turner's descriptions of blocked passes, fatigue and bad lodging suffered during his 1802 Alpine tour would have borne great resonance in the minds of those who shivered in train stations and on floors of public buildings.

Any who still sit furning at their steering wheels would do well to recall other grander aspects of Turner's era. There is little chance now for anyone Romantically to muse, as Kears once did, upon an Alp and half forget what world or worldling meant". Mass tourism has made the sublime ridiculous. And as each year more winter sports enthusiasts are packaged off to resorts, the pistes begin to appear more like motorways with streams of skiers slatoming like cars through traffic cones.

A substantial percentage of these skiers are British But this is not the only reason that Britain is in part to blame. Although a Frand Tour pain through the mountains was fairly well beaten before the Napoleonic Wars. British explorers such as William Coxe, whose Travels in Switzerland was published in 1791, laid popular trails and prompted the beginnings of a tourist industry in Chamonix and around Mont Blanc. Wordsworth and his poetic companions further fostered a fashion for lonely wanderings among frowning peaks.

By the middle of the 19th century skiing, formerly a mode of transport, became a sport. Even then, skiers had to scale great heights on foot before the downward hurtle. But by the 1930s rope tows and chairlifts were being built. Tourism flourished apace and grew into an industry. The mountains now are overrun with commerce. Pollution levels on transport passes can equal that of urban centres. Snow cannon fire volleys of water on to slopes. devastating plant life to improve the pistes. Every winter, hundreds of thousands of pounds of explosives are dropped from helicopters to make runs pleasingly shiny for tourists. Little wonder then that the delicate Alpine environment, too, finds itself upon a slippery slope. Decades of human exploitation are leading to the worst disasters for years.

Snowblinded for too long by the blizzards of tourism, regional authorities must remove their goggles and face up to the damage being done. Holidaymakers trapped in traffic tailbacks will have time aplenty to mull over such things as they contemplate the wisdom of their choice to take to the mountains on a peak weekend.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Counting system for Euro polls

From Dr David Butler, FBA; and Mr Peter Snow

Sir, Shortly the Home Office will present to Parliament the draft orders regulating the conduct of the Euro-pean elections next June. Two items in these orders give cause for concern. There may yet be time to remedy

First, counting areas: votes are normally to be counted at the Westminster constituency level and the tallies relayed to the Regional Returning Officer. However, the returning officers are to be left free to determine whether to count and report them at the constituency level or at some sub-regional level.

Surely any such decision should be a matter of national, not local policy. We are entitled to know how our local constituency has voted. It should out be left to the judgment of a returning officer to decide whether this informa-

tion should be available to the public. Second, recounts: the counting is to take place at the Westminster constituency level. The votes are then to be reported to the 11 regional Euroconstituency centres, where the mul-figures will be aggregated and the seats in that region allocated on a proportional basis. But a recount can only be demanded at the constituency level; not at the final regional count.

Candidates waiting to hear how the constituency votes aggregate to the regional total will not know how close the regional result is until all the constituency results have been reported in. By then it will be too late to demand a recount: the figures will be irrevocable and final.

If. in the final count at the regional level, a candidate wins or loses by a handful of votes, the fact that no recount is to be allowed is bound to be a recipe for cries of unfairness and for litigation. Much expense and aggravation could be saved if recounts were to be delayed until the final count of votes at the regional level is completed. In practice, there would be very few, if any. At the worst, there would be a day's delay while all the votes throughout the one or two regions were comprehensively recounted. Surely it is not too late to reconsider

these two simple administrative

DAVID BUTLER. PETER SNOW, c/o Nuffield College. Oxford OXI INF.

points.

Gulf bombing

From Squadron Leader Philip Congdon, RAF (retd)

Sir, The Secretary of State for Defence's letter (March 6) has an echoing emptiness as he justifies the continued bombing of Iraq on the grounds of protection for Marsh Arabs and Kurds and that "he [Saddam Hussein] is trying to kill our pilots" (maybe that's not surprising if they drop bombs).

Mr George Robertson does not explain why the RAF is providing the air defence and attack forces for two of the richest nations in the world who themselves have more than substantial forces for the task. (Are we paying for this?) One has also to ask the question, why do not Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, with the support of their colleagues in the UAE, Oman and Bahrain, now shoulder the burden of their own national defence. underwriting protection and support for Iraqi Kurds and Marsh Arabs?

On my last visit to the Gulf I was asked by a wag if I knew the regimental march for the Saudi and Kuwait armies. I nodded my ignorance. "Ob it's quite obvious," came the reply: "Onward, Christian Soldiers." Who are you kidding Mr Robertson?

Yours faithfully, PHILIP CONGDON (Gulf War veteran). Hindle Fold Lane, Great Harwood, Blackburn, Lancashire BB6 7PT.

Police effectiveness

From Dr Peter Greenhalgh

Sir. As a member of an ethnic community (the Wasps as it happens, but it would be the same for an Afro-Caribbean or Asian Englishman). I question the coupling of ethnicity and homosexuality in the league table of "Positive replies [by police forces] to Z7 questions about policing ethnic and gay communities" (March 2). It is even sillier than a blanket condemnation of that other ill-matched couple "sex and violence" on television.

There is wholesome sex and unwholesome sex, good violence (like thrashing moneylenders in the Temple or fighting Hitler) and bad violence (like crucifying a good man or committing genocide).

The only question needing to be asked of our police forces is how effectively they seek out criminals and bring them to justice. Ethnicity and sex per se should be as irrelevant in this inquiry as height or girth, and to assume they are not seems more likely to compound the problem that the inquisitors are trying to solve.

Yours faithfully, PETER GREENHALGH, Westwood House, Higheross Road, Westwood, Southfleet, Kent DAI3 9PH.

Trade 'victims' of the banana row

countervailing duty action.

Under US trade law (which is consistent with the WTO rules) any US

apparel producer of a "like" product who feels that the subsidised Scottish

product will reduce its market share is

able to launch a countervailing duty

action. The US trade agencies can

impose customs duties to offset the

subsidy if a threat of material injury is

found. Although appeals can be made

to a US court, none is allowed to the

Thus, the Scottish cashmere producers should either decline the British

Government subsidies and lobby for

the EU to comply with the American

banana demands, or start to look for

templeton.oxford.ac.uk

Sir, My company has the licence to publish the art archive of the Royal

Botanic Gardens at Kew as fine art

prints. Royalties from the sales are

paid to Kew to help fund their global

Our largest market has been the

US, where Kew is a respected name.

That, however, is about to change

dramatically, as we are faced with the

100 per cent duty which the US has pot on line art prints as a result of the

EU banana problem. This duty ef-

fectively came into force on March 3.

small company. Presumably, some-

one in the EU is gaining from this banana "war". Will I, therefore, be

compensated for the EU's stance?

Silver Street, Reading RGI 2JN.

Yours faithfully

McQueen House,

SIMON NUTBROWN

(Managing Director),

Cornflower Press Limited,

This is a disastrous situation for my

new export markets outside the US.

Yours sincerely. ALAN M. RUGMAN

(Thames Water Fellow in

Strategic Management), Templeton College, University of Oxford,

From Mr Simon Nutbrown

conservation programmes.

Oxford OXI 5NY.

alan.rugman€

March 5.

From the Trade Policy Officer ot Christion Aid

Sir. The current trade row between the US and the EU over bananas (letter, March 5) underlines some of the fundamental inequalities in the world trading system. The US claims, and the World Trade Organisation (WTO) agrees, that preferential access for Caribbean bananas in the EU means that US companies cannot compete fairly with Caribbean producers for the European market.

However, the three biggest banana companies - Chiquita, Dole and Del Monte - already control more than two thirds of the world market, while Caribbean producers account for less than 3 per cent. The big companies have been able to dominate the world market and maintain large and in-creasing profits, even when world banana prices have been falling. By contrast, small farmers in the Caribbeam produce bananas on plots which average less than five acres, often on poor soils and with little opportunity for investment. The fall in world prices in the 1990s has already led to increased poverty among banana farmers in the Caribbean.

In these circumstances, further opening of the EU market will lead to greater hardship in the vulnerable economies of the Caribbean. Developing countries need a more equitable world trading regime in order to diversify their economies and improve the livelihoods of their populations.

Yours, CLAIRE MELAMEO. Trade Policy Officer, Christian Aid, PO Box 100, London SEI 7RT.

From Dr Alon M. Rugman

Sir. Your leading article "Blair's banana skin" (March 5; see also leading article, March 4) provides excellent analysis of how the Scottish cashmere producers are the victims of bad British trade policy.

However, their situation is potentially even more precarious than you demonstrate. If the British Government "guarantees" the bonds required to be paid on cashmere exports to the United States (report, March 5),

ITV's public service

Sir. ITV's chief executive. Richard

Eyre, writes (letter, March 3): "|lTV's]

public service is expressed through a

mighty breadth of diversity, an incomparable regional service and

massive investment in original British

service" does not include making its

digital television services available to

everyone. In contrast to every other

UK public service broadcaster, ITV is

refusing to transmit its digital services

(digital ITV and ITV2) by both satellite

As a result, several million viewers

in areas without digital terrestrial

reception or cable - many of whom

live in the more rural and remote

parts of the country - will be deprived of ITV's digital services for

Last week two parliamentary col-leagues and I held a meeting in the

House of Commons to discuss this

issue (which the Office of Fair Trad-

ing is also looking into). The majority

view of parliamentarians who spoke

was that ITV's digital services should

also be on satellite in order to serve oll

ITV's argument that satellite trans-

and terrestrial means.

many years to come.

Unfortunately, ITV's idea of "public

From Mr Peter Atkinson, MP

for Hexham (Conservative)

production."

mission might fatally weaken the digital terrestrial platform is uncon-vincing, given that all other public service broadcasters, the BBC, Channel 4, Channel 5 and the regional service S4C already offer their ser-

vices free by satellite whilst having

significant interests in digital terres-

Yours faithfully, PETER ATKINSON, House of Commons. March 3.

trial television.

From Mr Ronald Willioms

Sir, I cannot but admire the verbal ingenuity of Richard Eyre in striving to defend ITV against charges of dumbing down; particularly in his phrase 'that whilst ITV does not try to Datter an intellectual elite . . . ".

This reminds me of the story (which I like to believe is true) of a conscientious, though somewhat obsequious, biographer of Edward VII who, when faced with the necessity of confronting the sheer gluttony of that monarch, recorded that His Majesty was not given to toying with his food.

Yours sincerely. R. W. WILLIAMS. 10 Pine Park Mansions, 1 Wilderton Road, Poole, Dorset BH13 6EB. March 5.

Rail fares examined

From Mr Barry S. Doe

of our constituents.

Sir, The Association of Train Operating Companies is constantly trying to convince rail users that "fares are going down in real terms" (letter from the director-general, March 4). I have been analysing rail fares since the late 1960s, and examining separately the fares of the new train operators since privatisation: I am alarmed at what is happening.

For example, 17 operators serve London. Ignoring advance-purchase tickets (which are used by only 7 per cent of travellers and then only for longer-distance journeys). I have examined by bow much each of their

other fares has risen between June 1995 and January 1999 - a period when inflation has been 12 per cent. A few of these are legally capped to inflation. Of the remainder, two thirds have risen well over inflation -Virgin Trains being the worst culprit.

The director-general's claim can be upheld only if many new, very cheap fares that require booking up to a week in advance are taken into the calculations. These have no relevance for the "walk-on" casual or daily user.

Yours faithfully. BARRY S. OOE, 25 Newmorton Road Bournemouth BH9 3NU. March 4.

Nigerian elections

From Mr Charles Buss

Sir, The Nigerian people were given the "choice" between a former military dictator; General Olusegun Obasanjo, and his former Finance Minister, Olu Falae, in an election controlled by the military (report and leading article, March 2).

Commentators may disagree as to whether the turnout reflected support for the candidates themselves or rather the desire of the Nigerian people to show that they wish to be heard. I suspect that most queued at the polling stations for the latter reason. If so, their resolve should be celebrated. I find the election of General Obasanjo is harder to applaud.

Yours faithfully, CHARLES BUSS, 15 Fremont Street, E9 7NQ. chuss@wfw.com March 2

From Mr Philip Warner

Sir, Why does your diarist call General Olusegun Obasanjo "the dodgy general" (March 2)?

In your leader you acknowledge his military distinction and national reputation. He was a member of a Commonwealth committee of "eminent persons" to advise on the South African situation, and when he was the leader of an earlier military regime ho made an honest attempt to return Nigeria to civilian rule. He was clearly an enemy of the Abacha regime.

Yours faithfully. PHILIP WARNER. Birch Wood House, Cadnam, Southampton SO40 2NR. March 2.

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Tied in knots not for first time such assistance is highly likely to be interpreted as an export subsidy. As such, it will be subject to potential US

From Mr Christopher Purple

Sir, The work of two Cambridge physicists. Thomas Fink and Yong Mao, in developing new methods of knotting ties well deserved front-page coverage in today's Times. Their new, simple method of starting with the tie inside out represents Cambridge bril-

liance at its best.
I can vouch for the success of the method, having used it for the past 35 years, since learning it as a 15-year-old from my brother in deepest Norfolk.

Yours sincerely, CHRISTOPHER PURPLE, 25 Oxlease, Witney, Oxlordshire OX8 6QZ. March 4.

From Mr Christopher Hough

Sir. However fashionable the knot, to depict, as you did, a blue shirt and yellow tie combination is worryingly passe. Small pockets of yellow ties remain — for example, Paddy Ash-down, William Hague and television news reporters, but these are hardly fashion icons.

For the benefit of your readers, the new look is the ubiquitous blue shirt. but with the more dashing red tie.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER HOUGH. 199 Strand, WC2R IDR.

From Mr Gordon Brudenell

Sir, The last knot mentioned (and illustrated) in Nigel Hawkes's report has certainly been invented before if not by Gordius, King of Ancient Phrygia, then by Paul Daniels.

Yours faithfully, GORDON BRUOENELL. 95 Little Sutton Road. Sutton Coldfield B75 6PT.

From Mrs Karen Bradshaw

Sir, My four-year-old son has also been experimenting with the tie that he has had to wear since starting school. The knots he achieves are invariably "complex, unbalanced and

unaesthetic.
Unfortunately, unlike the scientists in your report, he does not feel the need to eliminate them from his repertoire and wears them with much

Yours faithfully, KAREN BRADSHAW, Somerdale, Pennymead Drive. East Horsley, Surrey KT24 5AH. bradshaw@ool.com March 4.

From Mr Dave Hepworth

Sir, Could the ingenious Cambridge physicists turn their minds to the rather more knowy problem of why we wear such strange things as ties in the first place?

OAVE HEPWORTH. Wayside, Mires Lane. Rowland, Bakewell DE45 INP. March 4.

Buses to the back

From Mrs Diono Robinson

Sir, If, as reported [The Sunday Times. February 28), "buses pick up and drop off at the rear perimeter" while "there is a car drop-off [point] at the front" of the Millennium Dome bus station, then the concept of a "service entrance" has indeed been set in concrete and, it seems, public transport is officially second-class, notwithstanding new Labour or new century.

Yours faithfully. DIANA ROBINSON, 58 Manor Park Road, York YO30 5UL March I.

Royal beef

From Mrs Marilyn Branston Sir. I'm delighted to see that you

English are having no greater success with Prohibition than we Americans had back in the Roaring Twenties (report, "Prince goes near the bone over beef", March 2; letters, March 3). Soon we'll be able to sneak into

some small, secret dive by whispering "Prince Charles sent me" through a little panel in the door. The only problem will be how to squeeze a T-bone into a hip flask.

Yours drily. MARILYN BRANSTON, 50 Holdenhurst Avenue, NI2 0JB. March 4.

No alternative

From Mr N. L. Denton Sir, I have just bought a new pair of

slippers. The label states: Upper: Other Materials Sole: Other Materials

Lining: Other Materials While I am sure that this des-

handy to know what the alternatives

cription is fully compliant with all the

appropriate EU directives, it would be

Yours faithfully, NIGEL L. DENTON, 2 Maria Court, Southcote Road. Reading RG30 3AS. n.l.@denton446.freeserve.co.uk

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 6: The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Commander Loftus Peyton-Jones at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Commander David Cobb which was held in the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, London.

The Prince Edward was represented by Mr Paul Arengo-Jones

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 6: The Duke of York this morning laid a wreath at the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and visited the Ho Chi Minh Memorial House.

Afterwards, His Royal Highness returned to Ho Chi Minh

Birthdays today

Major-General Sir Christopher

Airy, royal equerry, 65; Mr Nicolas Bevan, Speaker's Secre-tary, 57; Mr Gyles Brandreth,

author, broadcaster and publisher, 51: Sir Julian Bullard, former

and Campbell, former Presidents and Surgeons of Glasgow, 69: Sir Anthony Caro, sculptor, 75: Major Graham T. Dunnett, Lord-Lieutenant of Caithness, 70: Mr

Phil Edmonds, cricketer, 48: Mr Michael Grade, chief executive First Leisure, 56: Lord Hurd of Westwell, CH, 69; Mr Michael

Inchbald, designer, 79: Miss Ann Jenner, ballerina, 55: Mr Irek

Mukhamedov, ballet dancer, 39:

Miss Lynn Redgrave, actress, 56; Rabbi Dr Jonathan Sacks, Chief

Rabbi. 51; Miss Lynn Seymour.

ballerina. 60; Professor S.K. Smith, obstetrician and gynaecol-

ogist, 48; Professor Norman Stone, modern historian, 58; Mr

Robert Tear, tenor, 60: the Ven

P.R. Turner, chaplain. Dulwich College, 57: Sir John Ward, former MP, 74; Mr David Wilkie,

Royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of

monwealth Day Observance at

Westminster Abbey at 3.15. Later

they will attend a reception at Marlborough House, Pall Mall. London SWI to mark the 50th

anniversary of the modern Com-

The Duke of York will attend a

dinner to mark the opening of the Nato Conference at Lancaster

monwealth at 6,30.

House, London, at 7.35.

swimmer, 45.

plomat, 71: Professor Sir Donald Campbell, former President

drew Feilden and Mr Rupert McGuigan are in attendance.

Duke of York visited the Cu

This evening, His Royal

Highness departed Vietnam

March 7: The Duke of York

this morning arrived at London Heathrow from Vietnam.

Captain Neil Blair, RN, and

Mr David Tuck were in

this afternoon departed from

London Heathrow Airport to

visit Japan, the Philippines

and New Zealand. Mrs An-

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 7. The Princess Royal

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

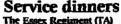
for London Heathrow.

Chi Tunnels.

The Essex Regiment (TA)
Mr John Norris, Vice Lord-Lieuten ant of Essex, was the principal guest at the annual dirner of the 4th/5th Banalion The Essex Regi-ment (TA) Officers Dinner Club held on Saturday at Oakington Barracks, Cambridge, Colonel Geoffrey Morgan presided.

39th (Skinners) Signal Regiment (Skinners) Signal Regiment (Volun-Venturers of Bristol were among the guests.

Squadron Leader N.W. Willey, Commanding Officer, presided. Among others present were:



Mr John Boyd, QC, was the guest speaker at a dinner of the 39th teers) held on Saturday at Skin-ners' Hall. Lieutenant-Colonel J. Crackett, Commanding Officer, presided. The Regimental Honorary Colonel, the Master of the Skinners Company and the Master of the Society of Merchant Royal Marines

The Rev David Burgess was among the guests at the annual dinner of the Royal Marines Officers' Dinner Club held on Friday at Lincoln's Inn. Major-General John Hardy presided. Aberdeen, Dundee and St An-

drews Universities' Air Squadron Air Vice-Marshal T.W. Rimmer, Air Officer Commanding and Commandant Royal Air Force College Cranwell, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of Aberdeen. Dundee and St Andrews Universities' Air Squadron held on Friday at RAF Leuchars.

Professor Struther Arnost, principal, St Andrews University, Professor David Swin-fen, Vice-Principal, Dunder University, Professor Frank McInosh, Vice-Principal, Robert Gordon University and Air Commo-dore J.H. Haines, Air Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Nature notes

IN THE north wind, robins find a perch that protects their backs, and face south to let the low sun warm headed gulls out on a field or sitting on goalposts face into the wind so that it does not ruffle their feathers. Many winter visitors are still in Britain, including redwings. These small thrushes with a white eye-stripe and a red flash under their wing have started coming into gardens in the frost and snow. Long-tailed tits, which are among the earliest nesters, are already prospecting for sites in hedges and gorse bushes. More hedge sparrows are singing their thin, piping songs, and house sparrows are producing the long strings of chirps that pass for singing among them. Last summer's seeds are



The redwing

finally dispersing. Dry keys are blowing down from the ash trees, and crumbling clusters of hooked seeds on the burdock plants are catching onto dog fur and trousers. On hazel bushes, the catkins are filling with pollen and starting to swing in the wind. DJM



Family protest at picture sale

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

Gainsborough now worth £3 million to one of Britain's leading public schools yesterday voiced anger at the decision to sell the painting and warned potential donors to spell out in writing their exact wishes for the gift's future.

Karen MacAuslan, a GP in Catford. southeast London, whose great-uncle Henry Hony gave the picture to Mariborough College in 1955, said that other potential donors will now think twice. She said: "If you ever do want to make a donation, make sure you specify what you want long-term." The donor's eldest daughter. Selina Hony, said that 50 years ago, no one ever thought that anything needed to be put in writing: "If someone gave something to you, you kept it. It was an assumption."

The Tate Gallery is believed to want the painting, but unless a public institution can raise the money, it is likely to go abroad. Dr MacAuslan said: "The family feel very strongly that the picture should remain in the public domain in this country. It is of national importance."

not informed them they planned to sell. "The first we heard was a rumour." Since then, attempts to find out more have failed. She said: "They won't tell us what's happening. It is very upsetting."

BIRTHS: John Fothergill, physician, Wens-leydale, Yorkshire, 1712, Carl Philipp

Emanuel Bach, composer, Weimar, Germa-

ny, 1714; Richard Howe, Earl Howe, admiral, London, 1726; William Roscoe,

historian, Liverpool, 1753; Charles Rossi, sculptor, Nottingham, 1762; Kenneth Gra-hame, author of The Wind in the Willows.

Edinburgh, 1859; Frederic William Goudy, typographer, Bloomington, Illinois, 1865;

THE family of a man who donated a She is unconvinced by the school's argument that it needs the money. When the school was first questioned, it suggested it did not have the resources to care for the painting. But, when the family proposed the solution of a loan to the National Gallery or Tate Gallery, the school then said it needed money for a

swimming pool. Later the money was wanted for an arts centre. The lifesize portrait—one of the artist's largest at 98in by 94in — depicts George Byam (1734-79) of Apse Court. Surrey, with his wife and daughter. They were a merchant family with interests in the West Indies. The painting was donated by one of their descendants, the greatgrandson of the girl in the portrait, Henry Hony. Explaining his donation to his twin sister, he had said that the family had so many connections with the college

and "we can always see it there". Dr MacAuslan said Henry had thought the college would keep it and not regard it "as a chantel in store for a rainy day". She added: "The family feel that if it was allowed to go anywhere except to a allery or museum in the UK, this would be a gross violation of Henry Hony's

Its sale is being negotiated by Christie's which, she said, has been "cagey" in releasing details to the family: "They said

Anniversaries

Otto Hahn, pioneer of nuclear fission, Nobel laureate 1944, Frankfurt am Main, 1879.

DEATHS: King William III, reigned with Mary

11 1689-94, then alone to 1702, London, 1702;

Sawrey Gilpin, animal painter, London, 1807; Hector Berlioz, composer, Paris, 1869;

it was at the Tate, which was having a look at it."

The picture is believed to be the most significant painting by the artist to come onto the market since Royal Holloway College in Egham, Surrey, caused a furore by selling a Gainsborough bequeathed by its founder for £3.5 million.

Charles Saumarez Smith, director of the National Portrait Gallery, one of several Old Mariburians who have become museum directors, said that the painting had made a deep impact during his school years, 1967 to 1971: "Much of my interest in 18th-century British painting derived from the daily experience of. being educated in a school which had a major Gainsborough painting." He added: "I very much regret the fact that the school felt it necessary to put on the market its only major cultural asset, and will regret it even more if the picture cannot be purchased by a major British

public institution." Dr MacAuslan expressed anger that the school, in writing to parents to inform them of the sale, suggested that the donor's family, which includes Hony's three daughters, eight nephews and nieces, and their 26 adult sons and daughters, had given their blessing.

No one at Mariborough College was available for comment.

Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin, airship constructor, Charlottenburg, Germany, 1917: Sir Thomas Beecham, conductor, London, 1961: Harold Lloyd, film comedian, Beverly Hills, 1971; Richard Austen Butler politician, Great Yeldham, Essex, 1982; Sir Villiam Walton, composer, Ischia, 1983. The Pebruary revolution began in Russia (ending on March 14), these dates being in the New Style Gregorian calendar, 1917.

Memorial services

Commander David Cobb The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Commander Loftus Peyton-Jones and Prince Edward by Mr Paul Arengo-Jones at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Commander David Cobb held

on Saturday in the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy. The Rev John Robson, Chaplain to The Queen, officiated. Mr David Bailey and Miss Tiggy Grillo read the lessons. Commander John Crisp gave an address. The Lord-Lieuteant of Greater London was

represented by Sir Michael Craig-Cooper, accompanied by Lady Craig-Cooper. The Mayor and Mayoress of Kensington & Chelses attended. Among others present

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Mrs Mary Cobb pioter-in-law), Mins Penny Cobb, Mrs Judy Buckley, Mrs Sarah Robers. Mrs Jong Buckley, Mrs Sarah Robers. Mrs Jonathy Grillo, Mrs Jo Bridgeland, Mr. Mick Cobb. Miss Kane Cartanell. Mr Jonathan Roberts. Tom Bridgeland, Sam Cobb. Mrs Daphne Kemedy, Mrs Emily Cobb, Mr Michael Buckley, Mr Dick Grillo, Mr Prot Bridgeland. Dr Jon Mangan, representatives of the UK and Overseus offices of The Dulic of Edinburghy Award Scheme, the London Salling Project, sall realizing associations and many friends from the United Kingdom, France and Lody Whitehaler. Sir James and Lady Whitaker The Mayor of Retiord attended a

memorial service for Sir James and Lady Whitaker held on Friday at St Swithun's, Retford, Notting hamshire, Canon John Ottey office

hamshire. Canon John Ottey offici-ated, assisted by the Rev Bob Smith and the Very Rev David Leaning who said prayers. Sir Jack Whitaker, son, and Mrs David Price, daughter, read the lessons. Mr Colin Jenkins, Princi-pal of the Atlantic College, Mr Dick Hornby, Mr Alastair Cam-eron, penhew and the Rev David eron, nephew and the Rev David Whitaker, brother of Sir James, gave addresses. Among others present were:

present were tady whitaker (daughter-in-law), Mr Duvid Price bor-in-law), Miss Lucy Whitaker, Harry, Alix and Eleanor Whitaker, Miss Hesther Price and Mr William Price Igrandchildren), Mr and Mrs Ben Whitaker, Mrs Cill Cameron, Mr Duvid Whitaker, Mr Rozak Whitaker, the Rev Ben Whitaker, Mr Rozak Whitaker, the Rev Ben Whitaker, Mr Rozer Whitaker, Miss Loue Whitaker, Mrs Lonather Whitaker and Mrs Sarah Cameron with other members of the family, friends and representatives of the Atlantic College and local organisations.

Meeting

Three Faiths Forum The Speaker presented Grand Rabbin Rene Samuel Sirat of Paris with the ICCJ Interfaith Gold Medallion at a meeting of the Three Paiths Forum held yesterday at the House of Commons, by courtesy of Mr Ivor Caplin, MP. Sir Signaund Sternberg presided.

Dinners

Old Elysian Club The Hon Bernard Jenkin, MP, was the guest of honour and speaker at the centenary year annual dinner of the William Ellis School, Old Elysian Club 1899-1999 held on Saturday at the House of Com-mons, by courtesy of Mr Jenkin. Mr Brian Duker presided. Mr Michael Wheale, Head Master. also spoke. Mr Martin Hayman, chairman of governors, was among those present. Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club

Mr Christopher Barnett, Commodone of the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club, Dover, accompanied by Mrs Barnett, presided at the tunual Commodore's dine in held on Saturday at the club. Royal College of Radiologists

Professor P. Armstrong, President of the Royal College of Radiologists, and Mrs Armstrong were the hosts at a dinner held on Friday at 38 Portland Place.

Legal appointment

Lord Justice Waller has been appointed Chairman of the Judi-cial Studies Board in succession to Lord Justice Henry.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.J.F. Exell
and Miss D.E. Newman
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za, Leon, Spain. **Marriages**

Mr M. Badran
and Miss G.A.J. Scott-Oldfield
The marriage was celebrated in
Cairo, on Friday, March 5, between Mohamed, son of Mr
Shams Badran and Mrs Mona
Roushdy, and Gratia, daughter of
Mr John Scott-Oldfield and Mrs
Honora Scott-Oldfield.
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Mr C.D. Mann
and Miss G.S. Winlaw
The marriage took place, in London, on March S. of Caspar, son of
Mr and Mrs Stewart DouglasMann, and Gramia, daughter of
Mr Antony Winlaw and Mrs
Carole Winlaw.

Mr D.I. Pickett
and Mrs C. Morley-Fletcher
The marriage took place on Sunday, March 7, 1999, at St Marry's,
Cadogan Street, between David
Pickett and Susan Morley-Fletch-

Mr Peter Cotes

A memorial meeting to celebrate the life of Peter Cotes (1912-1998) Theatre Director and Writer, will be held at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WCl, on Monday, March 22, 1999, at 3pm. All are

Dr Robert Murray A service of remembrance and thanksgiving for the life of Dr Robert Murray, OBE, will be held on Wednesday, March 24, 1999, at 2.00pm at the Crown Court Church of Scotland, Russell Street,

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FENNES - To Pauline and Martin (and Grandparents) on 23rd February, Ned Richard Ling, a brother for Guy.

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DEATHS

ABELAHYZLER - Dr Paul, CBE, MD, FFPFIM,
pescefully at the Wolding
Hospice on 5th March
1999, with characteristic
dignity and faith. Precious
husband of Lise and
devoted father of Adrian,
Julian and Caroline. Funeral service to be held in Melta. Memorial service in UK to be announced later. Donations, if desired to the Woking Hospice.

BAGSHAWE - Georgo Fox on February 9th, followed by beloved wife Edith Mary on March 2nd peacefully at the Pursy-Cust Nuffield Hospital, York after a short illness.

BAIMAN - Colonel Malcohm (Mac) Stewart Balmain OBE, DL, into of 15th/19th The Kinga Royal Hussars, at home on 3rd March aged 85. Moch loved husband of Heather, father of Ann and Stewart and grandfather of James, Isin and Peter, Private cremation, Friday 12th March, Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Stannington, Northumberland 2.30 pm, Saturday 13th March.

DRYSDALE - Ian. Peacefully in Bearsden on Friday 5th March 1999 in his 87th

GEBEL - Adam Leopold, dearly loved by all his family and friends, died at home on 2nd March, 1999, aged 86. Service and cremation at West London Crematorium, Kemsal Green, East Chapel, on Tuesday, March 18th at 11.00 am. Request no Oowers. Donations, if deaired, to The British Heart Foundation.

March 1999 in his 87th year, Ian Drysdale, beloved husband of the late Rosslind, lather of Bill, Tom, Robin and Donald and a much loved grandfather. Funeral Service at Buchlyvie Church at 11.30sm on Friday 12th March and thereafter at Chydebenk Crematorium, North Dainottar, arriving 1.30pm. Family flowers only please.

KHLINGTON - Albert James suddenly on March 2nd. Much loved husband, Much loved husband, Isther and grandisther. Isther and grandisther. Funeral at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham. Bucks. on Friday March. 13th at 12 noon. Family flowest only, but denatious to South Bucks. NHS Truet would be greatly appreciated e/o Wright Funeral Services, 106 High Street, Great Missenden, HP16 OBE.

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SCHOTT - Evelyn Diana, alder daughter of Colonel and Mrs George Ireland Fraser, died pescefully at home on Tuesday 2nd March 1999. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Brompton, Knightsbridge on Thursday 11th March at noon, Family Rowers only, or donations may be sent to The Injured Jockeys Fund c/o J H. Konyon telephone

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Sector, with the National Coal Board, the Electricity Council and as a Mamber of the Police Complaints Aothority, retiring in 1996. For 9 years he was a councilior on the than Crawley Urban District Council, serving as its Chairman, in his last year. A generous and caring man, he will be greatly missed by his family and by many who's lives he touched. A funeral service will be held at St Johns Church, Crawley on Thursday it March at 12-15pm followed by committal at the Surrey and Sussex Cramber only please. Donstons if wished to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund or St Catherins's Hospice, Crawley, CyO P.A.Martin, Three Bridges, Crawley, to whom all sanguiries should be made.

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DAY - A Service to calebrate the life of Anthony Samuel (Tony) Day will be held on Saturday May 8th at Charterhouse et 12 noon. For further information plesse contact the Recorders Office at Charterhouse on (01483) 291585.

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STANLEY KUBRICK

Stanley Kubrick, film-maker. died yesterday at his Herifordshire home aged 70. He was born in New York on July 26, 1928.

powerful and uncompromising talent, Stanley Kubrick first came to prominence with a scathing. meatment of the hypocristes of war in Paths of Glory (1957) and went on to make a succession of distincrively individual films, each completely different from the one before. He could move from the outrageous black comedy of Dr. Strangelove (1964), to the calmer. more cerebral approach of 2001: A Space Odyssey (1968), one of his most remarkable films. Likewise he could make films as totally different as the nightmare vision of A Clockwork Orange and his exploration of the machinations of the 18th-century officer class in Barry Lyndon.
Yet there were common factors.

His work was infused with a deep pessimism about his fellow creatures, whom he often portrayed as being unable to control -their destiny. He had a penchant for subversive humour. Technically he was a master of his craft, with a striking visual sense and the ability to handle complicated narratives. He could work with equal facility in a number of styles, from documentary realism to the furthest flights of fantasy.

Kubrick was a meticulous director who often spent years in the preparation and shooting of a film. planning each shot with obsessive precision. This inevitably limited his output and a new film every four to five years became his norm. it also, according to his critics, produced a detached and impersonal quality, a charge particularly levelled against his later films. But it was in the nature of Kubrick's work to divide critical opinion, amusing the extremes of adulation and censure. He was a director about whom it was impossible to be

He was born in the Bronx districtof New York, the son of a doctor, who encouraged him to take up

photography as a hobby. Infamated with the cinema from boyhood. he got his first job at 16 as a staff photographer on the magazine Look, The transition from still photography to movies came in 1950 when he directed a 16-minute documentary about a boxer, Day of the Fight, which he sold to RKO-Pathe There was another documentary and then, in 1953, his first feature, Fear and Desire, a low budger film made with money

borrowed from relatives and friends: It was virtually a one-man show, with Kubrick performing all the directing and production functions: writing the script, directing. filming and loading the camera. He similarly financed his next film, Killer's Kiss (1955), which he based on his own original screen-play about a boxer who rescues a girl from the clutches of a gangster.

Less important than the banal story was Kubrick's inventive direction (again, he performed most of the other functions, too), with several touches worthy of a filmmaker of far greater experience. He was now ready to move from B pictures to main features. in partnership with the producer

James B. Harris, he was able to get backing from United Artists for The Killing (1956), a taut thriller about a racetrack tobbery. The theme, of the perfect crime that goes wrong, had been used many times in Hollywood, but Kubrick gave it a new life with his crisp and confident handling. He also drew vivid performances from seasoned character actors such as Sterling Hayden and Elisha Cook. It was his first work to receive serious. attention from reviewers.

With the release in the following year of Paths of Glory, Kubrick. still not yet 30, emerged at a stroke into the front rank of American directors. Set on the Western Front in the First World War, the film follows the fate of three ordinary French soldiers who are court-martialled and executed after a disastrous sortie in order to save the face of the high command. It was a triumph on all levels, as an exploration of character and mo-

tive, for its dramatic qualities and,

not least, a superb piece of film-making which drew graphic con-trasts between the lot of the men in the trenches and the comfortable existence of the officers command-

ing them. A big critical success, Paths of Glory fared only moderately at the box office and since Kubrick had worked not for a salary but for a percentage of the profits, a leantime lay ahead of him. Kubrick had to wait two years for his next film. Spartagus (1960) was an assignment offered to him when the original director, Anthony Mann, withdrew. It was the only film in his career Kubrick did not choose to make. But he handled the conventions of the big-budget Hol-lywood epic with considerable flair and if he regarded the film as a chore, it is one of the more

intelligent examples of the genre. In 1961 Kubrick moved to Britain, feeling that this would offer him greater independence, and from now on his work was based in this country. His first British film. ironically, was set in the United States: Lolito (1962), an adaptation of Vladimir Nabokov's novel about the infatuation of a middle-aged lecturer (brilliantly played by James Mason) with a 14-year-old girl. The picture was notable for Kubrick's black humour and contained a memorably manic supporting performance from Peter Sell-

Both black comedy and Sellers were strongly featured in Kubrick's nuclear war fantasy. Dr Strangelove: Or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb. Sellers played three parts, includ-ing the mad doctor of the title, a latter-day Nazi masterminding the American nuclear programme; and the film was a joyous amalgam of satire and farce in service of the ultimately tragic subject, the destruction of the world.

For 2001: A Space Odyssey, Kubrick moved boldly away from traditional story-telling, with its emphasis on dialogue and character, and relied instead on the suggestive power of visual image-ry. Kubrick celled 2001 a "non-ver-bal experience" and it is half an hour before any words are spoken. In tracing the journey of a group of astronauts towards Jupiter, years into the future, Kubrick was helped by some of the most astonishing special effects seen in the cinema

up to that time. In 1971 Kubrick made his most controversial film. A Clockwork Orange, a bleak view of a society dominated by mindless violence. The picture was crincised for paracting what it was seeking to condemn, though the potency of Kubrick's vision (suggested by the novel by Anthony Burgess) was undeniable. Coming out in the midst of a national debate about the effects of violence on the screen. A Clockwork Orange was banned by several local authorities.

There could hardly be greater contrast between this film and Barry Lyndon, a long, elegantly mounted but dramatically low-key version of a minor Thackeray novel of the same title. Nor was Kubrick's reputation enhanced by The Shining (1980); a disappointingly indulgent excursion into the horror genre, and when, after another five-year gap, he started work on a new picture, Full Metal Jacket, a return to form seemed overdue. In this film, which was released in 1987. Kubrick returned to the theme of the brutalising effects of militarism and war, in what was an unsparing adaptation of a Gustav Hasford novel.

It went some way towards redeeming his reputation, though it was generally regarded as lacking the subtlety and compassion of his earlier Paths of Glory.

Opinion was by this time divided on Kubrick's overall merits. His detractors thought him fussy and pretentious, while to his considera-ble army of admirers he was simply one of the cinema's great talents. Kubrick liked to enshroud himself in mystery and at the time of his death had been working on a new film, Eyes Wide Shut, starring Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman, for the past two years. It is due to be released in July.

Stanley Kubrick was three times married and is survived by his wife Christiane and by three daughters.



Kubrick: technically he was master of his craft and possessed a striking visual sense

THE EMIR OF BAHRAIN

Sheikh Isa bin Sulman al-Khalifa, ruler of Bahrain since 1961, died after a heart attack on March 6 aged 65. He was born on June 3. 1933.

n a 37-year stewardship of his country. 27 of them as Emir following Bab-Sheikh Isa bin Sulman al-Khalifa had steered his country through a series of crises of the sort that are endemic in a small state surrounded by powerful and often volatile neighbours and subject to fluctuating oil prices. Bahrain had been the first Gulf state to find oil in the 1930s, but its small reserves soon dwindled. It was Sheikh Isa's principal achievement to build a future for Bahrain which emancipated his country from this shrinking asset.

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Sheikh isa based his strategy for Bahrain's future prosperity on the island's traditional position as a trading centre. He encouraged the develop-ment of banking, in which he was helped by the internal instability of Lebanon and the Israeli invasion of the country which damaged its position. Over a period of twenty years

banking became the major

source of Bahrain's prosperity... Under Sheikh Isa's rule the economy of Bahrain also diversified immensely, to include mining and heavy industries. shipbuilding and iron and steel production, as well as a large aluminium smeller which has made the country ahminium smelter the region's largest producer. He always said that his eatest single contribution to the island's prosperity was the 16-mile causeway, opened in 1986, which now links Bahrain

to Saudi Arabia. In foreign policy, Sheikh Isa forged close links with the West, particularly America. which used Bahrain as a base for the US Fifth Fleet during



Sheikh Isa: steered his country skilfully between its neighbours

the Gulf War of 1991, drawing the fire of Iraqi Scud missiles down on the island. Relations with both Iraq and Iran were consistently uneasy. In com-mon with other Gulf states Bahrain had supported Iraq during the Iran-Iraq conflict of 1980-88. But the Iraqi invasion of Kirwait in 1990 put an end to this fragile relationship and propelled Bahrain firmly into

the arms of America. Relations with Iran were similarly volatile, reflecting the tensions within Bahrain itself. The Bahrain government repeatedly accused Iranof fomenting trouble among its Shia Muslim population. which represents a slender majority in a country in which Sunni Muslims are nevertheless dominant - and provide the royal family.

Under Sheikh Isa Bahrain remained a traditional Arab.

autocracy. There was a ffirtation with democracy in the 1970s, with elections to a national assembly. But it was a short-lived experiment and the emir soon reverted to

personal rule. Isa bin Sulman al-Khalifa was the son of Sheikh Sulman bin Hamad al-Khalifa who had reigned over Bahrain as a British protectorate since 1942. He came to the throne in 1961, only six years after nationalist opponents had tried to unseat his father, and with the tide of republican Nasserism still flowing strongly throughout the region.

His father had used the oil revenues to institute a full. velfare state system of free health and education services. But by 1961 the oil wells were nearly dry and the islands were heavily populated by a demographically young and

literate population, divided almost equally between Shia and Sunni Muslims. Unemployment was incipient. Purthermore, an Iranian claim to Bahrain, pursued since the 19th century, was inhibiting foreign investment and the people were highly susceptible to the trumpet blasts of subvercapitals, characterising the ruling family as spendthrift creatures of British imperialism.

Against this background, Sheikh Isa was under some pressure from his British protectors to inaugurate democratic and administrative reform. However, his preferred method was the traditional Arab way of direct contact between ruler and people. His open council was available to all Bahrainis every day of the week, and he moved freely and without guards among his people. In the late 1960s and early

1970s his skills were tested to the utmost. In May and June 1967, Bahrain, like the whole Arah world, was gripped by war fever which culminated in the disaster to Arab arms of the June war. In Bahrain the presence of a British military base was additionally inflammatory. Sheikh Isa maintained control of the situation and personally saved the British Political Agency from being sacked by an angry crowd by singlehandedly compelling them to disperse. Foreign businessmen visiting the islands at the time were persuaded to go ahead with investment plans by the evidence of basic stability at a moment of

such high tension. Within months of this crisis subsiding Sheikh Isa was confronted with the abrupt decision of the British Government to terminate the protective treaties with Bahrain at the end of 1971. This came as a profound shock, especially since the Iranian claim was

still unsettled and the economy had become dangerously dependent on the income and employment emanating from the substantial British military presence. He went along with the

desire of the other Gulf rulers

for a federation but he private-

ly believed, rightly as it turned mally have to go it alone. He co-operated with the United Nations exercise which, in 1970, brought about a settlement of the Iranian daim. while his government made strenuous efforts to stimulate the flagging economy. On August 15, 1971, Bahrain achieved its independence and became a member of the Arab League and the United Nations. The storms had been weathered and the oil boom of the 1970s brought unprecedented prosperity to the island as offshore and other businesses chose Bahrain for their headquarters as being the most congenial location in the

Southern Gulf.

In the years to come, Sheikh Isa's foreign policy reflected the consensual nature of his domestic policy. He knew that a small and strategically placed country with a volatile population needs to have powerful friends and to avoid making dangerous enemies. He kept close to the centre of the Arab consensus on emoove issues such as Palestine and chose Saudi Arabia as his main protector. Under his genial exterior, Sheikh Isa concealed a shrewd and sceptical intelligence. Many a pompous visiting grandee, departing purring at the warmth of his reception, would have been surprised to hear the caustic comments made to the intimates who had stayed behind.

Late in 1972 a new constitution was promulgated, providing for direct elections to a nacional assembly, and these took place in the following

year. But the democratic experiment did not last. In 1975 the Prime Minister resigned, complaining that the assembly was obstructing new legislation. Later in the year the assembly was dissolved by decree.

Externally, the longstand-ing friction with Iran continto pose the greatest threat to Bahrain's internal stability. The 1979 Iranian revolution brought new unease about possible future Iranian claims. in 1981 more than 70 Bahrainis were arrested after a olol to overthrow the Government, with alleged help from Iran, was discovered. Such plots were to continue to come to light throughout the decade and the one following, and there was repeated agitation from the Shia population to restore the National Assembly. When, in December 1994. a Muslim cleric, Ali Salman Ahmad Salman, was arrested for voicing these claims, there was widespread rioting throughout Bahrain, particu-

larly in the Shia districts. The Emir was compelled to promise to extend the powers of Bahrain's Consultative Council, but this did not appease the reformers. Riots continued into 1995, with a number of deaths.

Later that year, a report by Amnesty International concluded that as many as 1,500 demonstrators remained in detention. In all this, relations with Iran fluctuated between out-and-out hospility and the establishment of ambassadorial relations.

Deeply conservative by nature, Sheikh Isa regarded all change as being potentially for the worse and distrusted alien institutions such as parliaments and bureaucracies.

There were ten children of his marriage, in 1949, to his cousin, Hasa. His eldest son. Sheikh Hamad bin Isa al-Khalifa, succeeds him.

DENNIS VIOLLET

Dennis Viullet, former Manchester United footballer, died on March 6 at his home in Jacksonville. Florida, of cancer aged 65. He was born on September 20, 1933.

IT MAY seem anomalous to say that Dennis Viollet was past his neak when he set onship goalscoring record in 1959-60. But this was the opinion of the Welsh coach Jimmy Murphy, who took control of the club for some time after the Munich air crash of February 1958, in which Viollet was one of the lucky survivors. The Manchester United side was on its way back from a European Cup tie in Belgrade against Red Star, in which Viollet had scored a characteristically cool goal. But Murphy's view was that though Viollet did sur-

vive the crash and play on for' years to come, he was never to be quite the same player again. This may go some way to explain why, to the great disappointment of his Manchester United fans, he won only two caps for the England international team, though these, perhaps ironically. came after the Munich air

One of them was gained in 1960, in Budapest, against Hungary. The other came in a somewhat meaningless qualifying match for the 1962 World Cup against Luxembourg. Viollet, like the other England forwards, made hay.

Dennis Viollet joined United as a teenager and quickly developed into an inside left whose pace, opportunism and strength compensated for the fact that he stood only 5ft Sins. He made sporadic appearances for Manchester United until, despite its apparent marginality, he took part in what turned out to be a significant midweek friendly game at Kilmarnock in Octo-

ber 1953. Man Busby, always ready to gamble on youth with his Busby Babes, that day preferred Viollet to the celebrated inside left Stan Pearson. United won 3-0 and Busby kepl Viollet and two other young stars. Jackie Blanchflower and Duncan Edwards, in the team for the subsequent league game ar

Viollet appeared in the 1958 Cup Final at Wembley against Bolton Wanderers, though, since the Munich crash, he had played only a couple of first team games. He won a league championship medal with United in 1956-57 and was a potable performer in their various challenges for the European Cup. Indeed, when in 1956 they

thrashed Anderlecht of Belgium 10-0 in Manchester. Viollet had three goals before half time and another in the second half. In 1961, however, United

somewhat unexpectedly let him go to Stoke City where he continued to the end of his career. In 291 games he had scored 178 goals for Manchester United; for Stoke he was to make another 182 appearances scoring 59 times.

Later, he coached Crewe Alexandra, Preston North End and, in the United States, the Washington Diplomats. Latterly he had lived in the United States.

He is survived by his wife



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alued at £2,167,297 net.

Latest wills

Evelyn Knight, of London SW3, left estate valued at £2,066,774 net. Ada Amanda Rigby, of London N20, left estate valued at

£2,129,457 net : Robert Foster Barbour, retired research chemist, of Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, left estate valued at £1,008,468 net. Joan Dickinson, of Otford, Sevenoaks, Kent, left estate

valued at £1,668,581 net. Henry Walter Fairey, of St-Ives, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, left estate valued at £1,100,953 net....

Louis Ferrar, of Newton Mearns, Glasgow, left estate valued at £1,153,614 net.
He left 20,000 each to Friends of The
Hebrew University of Jerusalen, Weizmann
Institute Roundation, and Tel Aviv University
Trust: £00,000 each to Newark Lodge. Prince and Princess of Wales Hospitz, and Jewish Care Scotland; 12,000 to Glasgow Hebrew Burial Society. Kathleen Gomersall, of Burley-in-Wharfedale, Ilkley, West Yorkshire, left estate valued at £1.144,804 net. Arnold Ralph Goodwin, of

Lower Bullingham, Hereford, left estate valued at £1,668,106 Anne Rhoda Elizabeth Hoff. of Winterbourne Houghton,

Blandford Forum, Dorset, left estate valued at £1,292,032 net. Margaret Hudspeth, of Hadston, Morpeth, Northumberland, left estate valued at £1,216,670 net Doris Louisa Johnson, of Eastbourne, East Sussex, left

estate valued at £1,043,728 net.

Elena Mirelle Leeson, of

Hove, East Sussex, left estate valued at £223,578 net.
She left £20,000 to The international Fund for Animal Welfare. George Duncan Nicholson Milne, of Surbiton, Surrey, left estate valued at £1,099,515 net. Leonard Alfred Palmer, of Craig y Don, Llandudno, Conleft estate valued at

£1,390,238 net. He left £25,000 each to RAF Benevulent Fund, Imperial Canter Research Fund, Guide Dogs for the Blind, and British Heart Suzanne Mary Saxton, of Midhurst, West Sussex, left

estate valued at £1,282,140 net.

Elizabeth Steinfeld, of Hampstead, London NW3, left estate valued at £1,304,571 ner. Laura Joan Walker, of Hungerford, Berkshire, left estate valued at £1,969,972 net. Arithony Walker, of Burnham, Buckinghamshire, left estate valued at £1,873,260 net. Arthur Laurence White, of Staplegrove, Somerset, left es-

tate valued at £1.471,475 net.

HOME RULE: NO COERCION

WESTMINSTER, Wednesday The Irish debate in the House of Commons tonight culminated in an organised "scene". Mr Redmond la champion of Home Rulel regarded the Prime Minister's reply to the nationalist demand for an immediate settlement on the basis of Home Rule as so unsatisfactory that he declined to take any further part in the debate, and led his followers from the Chamber. MR LLOYD GEORGE'S declaration was to the effect that the Covernment were prepared to grant Home Rule now to that part of treland which clearly demanded it, but that they could not take any action to force Home Rule on the part

to which it was repugnant . . .
Two hours had passed jainer the start of the Irish debate before the PRIME MINISTER intervened to state the policy of the Government. He opened on the note that a settlement hich would be acceptable to the people of Ireland as a whole would be welcomed with delight by the rest of the United Kingdom. "We must face facts," the Prime Minister

insisted. The fundamental facts, in his judgment, were that centuries of ruthless and often brutal injustice had driven harred of

ON THIS DAY

March 8, 1917 the state of the s

trish affairs had been prominent in Parliament since Gladstone's first Home Rule Bill in 1886. The third one became law in 1914, but would only come into effect at the end of the war. Growing militancy by Nationalists and Unionists killed it off.

British rule into the very marrow of the Irish race, and that in the north-eastern part of Ireland the population was as hostile to Irish rule as the rest of the population was to British rule. These fundamental facts raised two questions. Were the people of this country prepared to confer self-government on those parts of Ireland which unmistakably demanded it? Were the people of this country prepared to force the population of the north-eastern corner to submit to government by a population with which they were completely out of sympathy? He answered the first question in the affirmative and the second in

the negative.

The Nationalists became noisily impatient as the Prime Minister proceeded to define the attitude of the Government. He put the points more clearly in a second speech, and the effect of it can be stated here. The Government were prepared to grant Home Rule immediately to that part of Ireland that clearly demanded it. They could not take any action to force Home Rule on the part of treland to which it was repugnant ... In order to make the standnoint of the Government clear, the Prime Minister moved an amendment welcoming any settlement which did not involve the coercion of any part of the trish people. Although the Prime Minister's manner throughout was conciliaten, the Nationalists greated the end of his

speech with jeers.

MR ASQUITH followed and asked with all solemnity if a united effort could not be made to throw off the Irish burden. While fully recognizing the difficulties of the situation, he made a practical contribution to the debate He declared that the only practicable course was to invoke the intervention of some outside and impartial authority and trust to it the task of adjustment as between all the interests and sentiments concerned . . .

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THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

'Kitchen table' Toryism launched

■ In a striking shift of thinking, William Hague has ordered all members of his Shadow Cabinet to adopt a new political approach known as "kitchen table conservatism".

The leadership will focus on core issues known to be of central importance to the electorate and address those subjects in similarly direct language. Shadow Cabinet members have been told that they must stop attempting to defend the last Conservative Government...

Stanley Kubrick dies, aged 70

■ Stanley Kubrick, the reclusive and obsessive film director behind 2001: A Space Odyssey and A Clockwork Orange, died yesterday at his home in Hertfordshire, aged 70. A doctor was called to Childwickbury Manor, where Mr Rubrick lived with his wife Christiane... Pages 1. 3

The world's longest balloon journey came to an abrupt end yesterday when the all-British Cable & Wireless balloon team were forced to ditch into the ocean offPage i the coast of Japan....

Holiday bobby a hero A British policeman on holiday in America became the hero of a New York crime drama at the weekend when he dodged a bullet to catch two bandits in central Manhattan.....

Divorce meetings Ministers are to go ahead with a shake-up of divorce laws to bring in controversial meetings for part-

ing couples, after research showed the sessions can rescue thousands of marriages....Page 2 Feathers fly over bird A rare Illiger macaw is at the centre of a custody row after being

bought by a bogus company in a television "sting" that backfired on programme-makers..... Page 5

Magazine under fire

A magazine for women who write, which has received £70,000 of lottery funding, has been criticised by the female literati for its "unfortunate" title and outdated manifesto.... Page 6

Paedophiles abroad

A growing number of British paedophiles are travelling to Eastern Europe to buy youngsters for the price of a burger......Page 7

Balloon journey ends Ashdown's last stand Paddy Ashdown urged the Liberal Democrats to have no limit in their ambition for power as he set his party on election footing for the last time as leader......Page 8

Nuclear secrets

The US is investigating charges that China stole nuclear secrets to fast track the development of its nuclear arsenal

Khmer leader caught Grandfather Mok, the last

Khmer Rouge leader at large. was in custody in Phnom Penh arnid indications that he will be put on trial as a scapegoat for the sins of the group Page II

Colosseum unearthed The Hollywood image of the Colosseum as a bare arena covered in the blood of beasts, gladiators and Christians is mistaken, according to a German and Italian archeologists

Skiiers stranded

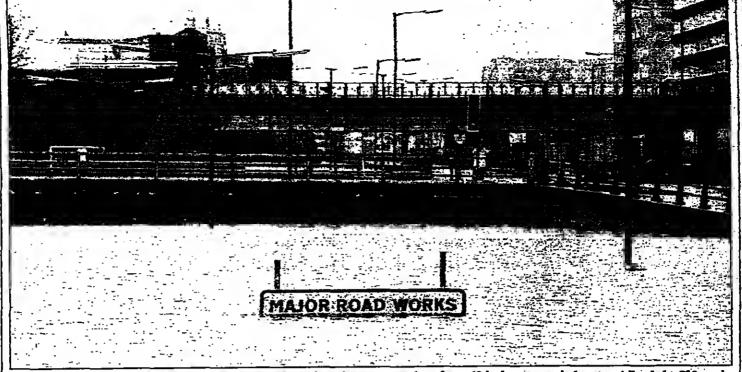
At least 60,000 people spent the first day of their skiing holiday furning in their cars on Saturday as they were stranded for up to nine hours in a traffic jam in the French Alps... ...Page 13

Bahrain ruler dies

Another Middle East nation has seen the transition of power from father to eldest son, this time in Bahrain, whose ruler, Sheikh Isa bin Sulman al-Khalifa, died over the weekend Page 14

Headless lover may sue over 'outing'

The "headless man" at the centre of one of Britain's most sensational divorce scandals is threatening legal action against a biographer who intends to reveal his identity. Michael Thornton, who has been working on a biography of the late Duchess of Argyll for 13 years, has received more than a dozen letters from lawyers acting on behalf of the man......Page 5



The North Circular in London was submerged under 25 feet of water yesterday after a 60-inch water main burst and flooded a 300-yard stretch between Harrow Rd and Hanger Lane. Police fear the bridge might collapse and do not expect the road to reopen for many days

BUSINESS

EMI takes the biscuit Eric Nicoli. chief executive of United Biscuits, is the surprise choice to succeed Sir Colin Southgate as executive chairman of EMI. .. Page 48

Hospitals targeted: Medical insurers are threatening to sue private hospital groups for the £100 million benefits of winning a VAT case if they fail to hand it over Page 48 **Budget boost:** The Stock Exchange is hoping that the Chancellor will let companies recoup much of the cost of a share flotation to help smaller companies regain access to

Rover hopes: BMW has asked the Government for aid for its Longbridge plant, but there is no guarantee that a planned Rover car will be built in Birmingham Page 48 | night's jackpot of £8.3 million.

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New world: There has been a grow-

ing realisation that the welfare state cannot solve all ills. But people seem more inclined to embrace social problems as their own. Millionare Torquil Norman and heiress Sabrina Guinness are helping disadvantaged children.....Page 15

Lisa Armstrong: "Everywhere you looked in Milan, there was monstrous footwear. Ugly footwear is fine at high street level, but at £200 a throw, it's a tedious little piece ofPages 16, 17 TOTTENTE

8, 32, 33, 37, 43, 47. Bonus: 45 Three winners shared Saturday

Visual art giory: The great benefactor Paul Mellon would have loved his beautifully refurbished Yale Centre for British Art, says Richard

.. Page 18 Cook John Higgins: "Orpheus may have to cross the River Styx and go through Hades to find Eurydice, but that is no good reason for filling Gluck's Orpheus and Eurydice with Stygian gloom"......... Page 18 Halfway up the heights: "The literalism is deadening, and like much else it ends up seeming merely halfhearted." Nigel Cluff reviews Malcolm Sutherland's Wuthering Heights in Leeds..... ...Page 19 Pop: Nick Kelly reviews the Trash Can Sinatras and finds that what

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the make up in songs Page 19

Towards the

millennium: Simon

Rattle celebrates the

LAW ...

What you tell

your lawyer

is a secret.

Or is it?

sounds of the Eighties

Football: Manchester United and Chelsea both had a man sent off as they fought to a goalless draw in the FA Cup quarter-finals at Old Pages 25, 29 Trafford_ Attietics: Jamie Baulch and Ashia Hansen claimed gold medals at the

seventh world indoor championships in Japan. Rugby union: Teenager Jonathan Wilkinson was hailed as an England star of the future after a display of great composure in his country's hard-fought 27-15 victory over Ireland in Dublin.......Page 33 Motor racing: Ulsterman Eddie Irvine triumphed in the Australian

Grand Prix in Melbourne, his first Formula One success after six years of trying ____ Page 27 Rugby league: Martin Offiah of the London Broncos, whose father was shot dead in Nigeria last week, became the highest English tryscorer in history....

President Clinton has apologised to Italy for the disaster a year ago in which 20 people died when an American plane sheered through the wire of a cable car. The fact remains that the pilot was acquitted. The episode has revealed the patronising arrogance of the US and has led to demands in Italy for US and Nato bases to be closed down. This is not the America we love, and this shoddy and unacceptable verdict does not reflect the values that Nato was set up to defend. La Repubblica, Rome

Previous John Thaw returns with the legal drama Kavanagh OC (ITV. 9pm) Review: The nation's general knowledge, or lack of, occupies Paul Hoggart Pages 46, 47

Boring and simple

Mr Brown would be wise to play safe, even be dull, in tomorrow's Budget. He should confirm existing plans, rather than change them, and hope that his experiment in monetary policy will continue to pay dividends ...

How to spend it

There is a new confidence among those using their money and skills for charity that is one of the great goods of the current age Page 21

Slippery slopes

Trapped in traffic tailbacks, Alpine holidaymakers may mull over the wisdom of taking to the mountains" on a peak weekend Page 21

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Fifty-one per cent, even of Labour.

voters, think Tony Blair should

keep out of the Scottish election. He

lution inside the UK...... Page 26

is seen as an Englishman, running an English Government. That sounds more like support for independence than for continued devo-

PETER SHORE What Britain and the Government need is not the launch of an expensive pre-referendum campaiga, disguised as a purely technical Nation. al Changeover Plan, but a total rethink of our whole position on Eu-

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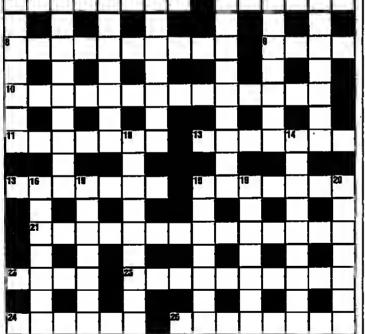
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The community of sons and daughters of eminent Russians in London has become so large that Moscow, gossip-columns are now full of stories from Knightsbridge....Page 24

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ing effects of drug abuse (7).

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The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 21,044 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will each receive a £20 book token.

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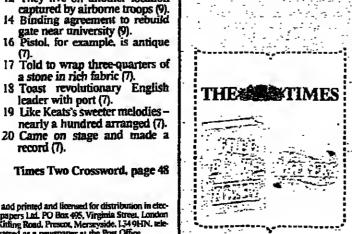
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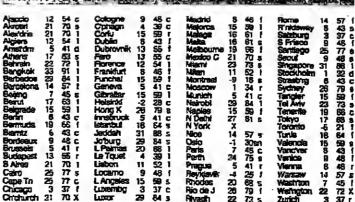
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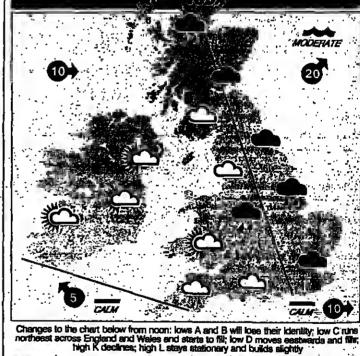
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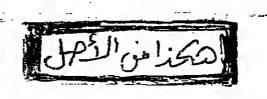
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Irvine savours sweet taste of success

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MANAGERS PAY HEAVY PRICE FOR TRIFLING WITH FA CUP



Nil-nil desperandum: the dismissals of Di Matteo, left, and Scholes, right, added to the cost of the FA Cup stalemate at Old Trafford yesterday for the likes of Vialli

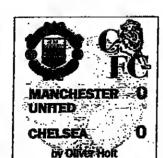
Semi-detached rivals left to rue unwanted extension

THROUGH gritted teeth and laboured smiles, Alex Fergu-son and Gianluca Vialli paid lip-service to the importance of living to fight another day in the FA Cup. When they could hide their disappointment no longer, though, their thoughts wandered to the only team who can still deprive them of a title that they hold more dear. By their scowis yesterday, it was clear that they were thinking about Arsène Wenger cracking open a bottle of fizzy water and toasting his old sparring partner, fixture con-gestion. This was the day when the FA Cup exacted its revenge on Manchester Unit-ed and Chelsea.

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In the past, they have managed to get away with their callous treatment of the famous old competition, riding along on their pragmatism and their shadow sides, grabbing late winners or losing gallantly, but always, always, avoiding that worst of all fates, the Scylla and Charybdis of modern

football: the replay. Ferguson, in particular, has often joked about his horror of not deciding a cup-tie at the first attempt, of wild plans to send Peter Schmeichel up with the forwards for the last five minutes if the match was in the icy grip of deadlock. The Manchester United manager stopped short of that yesterbut, in desperation, he did bring some of the heroes of the win against Internazionale off the bench for the last 20 inutes of this quarter-final. By then, it was too late. The



replay will take place at Stamford Bridge on Wednesday. which means that United have to sacrifice their scheduled FA Carling Premiership match against Liverpool at Anfield and Chelsea their game against Middlesbrough at the Riverside Stadium.

Football Correspondent

Worse, both sides had a player sent off for two rather innocuous offences, which means that Roberto Di Matteo and Paul Scholes will

championship run-in. "We have got fewer Chelsea and Arsenal,"

miss a game in the

games to play than Ferguson said. "If anything, it is worse for Chelsea than us, because they will find that their games start to come thick and fast now. Arsenal are the ones who will really benefit from what happened today. They are probably the favourites to win the league now." Vialli agreed. "Both teams could have done

without another match and the winner at the end of the day is probably Arsenal, because now is a very decisive moment of the season and the fewer matches you play, the better," the Chelsea manager That the FA Cup has be-

come something of a frippery was evident when Ferguson left out Dwight Yorke and Andy Cole, the forwards who have been terrifying defences from Filbert Street to the Nou Camp, and played Ole Gunnar Solskjaer as the focal point of an unfamiliar formation that was as close as United have come to dispensing with their trusted 4-4-2. Somehow, it all seemed rather half-hearted and conservative. The match itself was untidy and devoid of fluency.

Phil Neville was used, to good effect, to man-mark Gianfranco Zola and stifle what remained of Chelsea's creativity, deprived as they were of Frank Leboeuf, Celestine Babayaro, Dennis Wise and Vialli himself. The result was a rather tetchy impasse, a game smoth-ered by caution when it should have been liberated by the abandon of its lowly place in

the scheme of things. It was typical of the occasion that just when it seemed it might be cut loose from its bonds shortly before half-time, when Gary Neville had glanced a fine diving header against the face of Ed de Goey's right-hand post, it was killed stone dead by the sending-off of Di Matteo for an ill-judged tackle on Scholes that compounded his earlier mistimed challenge on Beckham.

It is hard to criticise Paul Durkin, the referee, because, taken individually, both were bookable offences. There was

Dennis Viollet

Dennis Viollet, a member of the re-

nowned Manchester United "Busby

Babes" team of the Fifties, died at his

home in the United States on Saturday af-

Viollet, a prolific goalscorer, carne

through the nursery system that produced

Duncan Edwards and Bobby Charlton.

dies at 65

ter a long illness. He was 65.



☐ Matches to be played at neutral venues on April 11

and common sense should have allowed the Italian to stay on the pitch. In a refereeing culture where the officials are punished for such diversions into sentiment, though, Durkin had little option but to administer the letter of the The same applied to the dis-

missal of Scholes four minutes from the end for a similarly innocuous tackle on Goldback. By then, the game was all but over anyway. Chelsea, who managed just one shot on target in the game, a first-half curler from

Morris that was saved easily by Schmeichel, had decided that a draw was the best they could achieve with ten men and defended so well that they earned it. In its pursuit, De

Goey and Marcel Desailly were outstanding. The Dutch goalkeeper made his first important save in the fifth minute, hurling himself to his right to parry a stinging drive by Keane and then doing just enough to distract

ham's delightful lob over the Chelsea defence six minutes later. Beckham should have scored himself five minutes after half-time, but he lifted his shot high over the bar from ten yards after Scholes pulled the ball back from the byline. De Goey came to the rescue again in the 58th minute, when Solskjaer's first-time ball freed Scholes. De Goey managed to block his shot and

Beckham snatched at the rebound and pulled it wide. Midway through the half, Scholes, whom Ferguson singled out for his profligacy, put a shot into the side-netting at full stretch and, 13 minutes from the end, De Goev frustrated United one last time, turning Scholes's touch over the bar after Yorke's attempt

at an overhead kick had can-

noned off Le Saux. Le Saux, by the way, behaved impeccably in the face of the all too predictable baiting from the crowd. Spare a thought, too, for Beckham. who was also taunted. He did not fling out his elbows or lose his temper, but who among the outraged chat-show and phone-in hosts and the new football intelligentsia will take

up his cause? MANCHESTER UNITED (3-4-3): P Schmeichel — H Barg, P Neville (sub: D Yorke, 72mm), W Brown — G Neville, R Keane, P Scholes, D Iwen — D Beckhem, O G Sotsiyaer (sub: E Sheringhem, 82), J Biomovisi (sub: A Cole, 82). CHELSEA (4-4-2): E de Goey — A Faner, M Desaity, B Lambounde, G Le Saux — D Petrascu, ISUD E Newton, 48, J Monse, R D; Mettec, B Coottneek — T A Pio (sub: M Fors-self, 80), G Zola (sub: A Myers, 79).

Report, page 1 Obituary, page 23 SAILING

Prada crew fail to take advantage in dress rehearsal

By EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT

IN AN exciting final day to the Road to America's Cup Reggata on Waitemata Harbour in Auckland vesterday, the Italian Prada crew came within a whisker of defeating Team New Zealand, led by

Russell Courts.

After eliminading both
Dawn Riley's America True and Bertrand Pace's Le Defi in the opening round-robins, Prada had hoped to complete a nine-race final against the New Zealanders, who will defend the America's Cup proper in Auckland next year.

However, in the event light and unstable winds reduced the contest to just three races. In the first, Courts established a losec lead at the first mark and was never headed. In the second. Prada led from the start and finished more than two minutes ahead,

After a very aggressive prestart, in what turned out to be the deciding heat, the boats went up opposite sides of the first beat. At the first cross, Prada was a boat-length behind when the genoa halyard on *Team New* Zealand parted, sending the huge headsail tumbling on to the foredeck. Coun's crew recovered brilliantly and quickly re-hoisted the sail, but Prado's advantage was shortlived as they suffered the very same gear failure minutes later and rounded the mark 20sec behind.

Coutts held on until 300 metres from the line, when the spinnaker on Team New Zealand exploded. Again, as the Italian boat crept up, the Kiwis were quick to repair the damage and they managed to finish just one metre ahead at

The end of the week's racing in Auckland came amid reports that the Spirit of Britain syndicate that had been hoping to send a British boat to the America's Cup for the first time in 12 years has now given up hope of finding the necessary sponsorship. After optimistic suggestions ten days ago that £1.5 million had been found to enable one yacht to be built there now appear to be problems securing the finance and building has not started.

In the Around Alone Race, J. P. Mouligne, of France, in Cray Valley, was on course to complete his third back-toback leg win in Class 2 as he headed towards the finish at Punte del Este. Mike Garside, of Great Britain, in Magellon Alpha, was in second place, II5 miles behind.

EXCLUSIVE COMPETITION

David Powell sees British athletes lay claim to indoor greatness

Medals delivered right on time

LIKE Japanese trains - never late - Great Britain's gold medal express performed to the highest standards of reliability here in the seventh world indoor championships.

In the closing session vesterday. Ashia Hansen and Jamie Baulch achieved victories that elevated the British team to a place among the top four na-tions, after Colin Jackson's win on the opening day. The golden glow, which accompa-Britain's athletes through unprecedented success at the European championships in Budapest last sum-

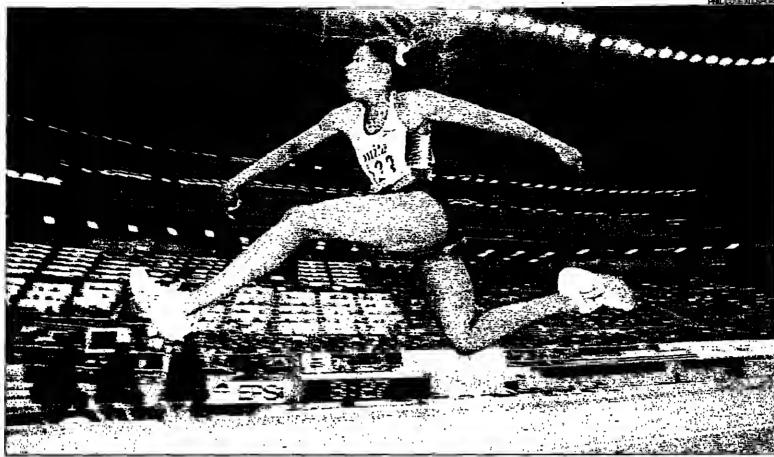
mer, shines on.

One more gold and Britain would have finished top. Four countries collected three each, but the United States, Romania and Germany occupied the leading places, scoring better than Britain on the minor medals. Nevertheless, it was the most that Britain's team of few stars could have hoped for. Only Jackson, of Britain's seven individual champions from Budapest, was here.

This was not only the best gold-medal haul by Britain in the history of these championships, but, in one go, Jackson. Baulch and Hansen equalled the total number of victories from the previous six. Jason Gardener was left admonish-ing himself for failing to win the gold that would have clinched Britain's place at the top of the world, but, by this morning, he should reflect that he was being harsh on

Gardener was third in the 60 metres, breaking Linford Christie's European record with 6,46sec. He chased home the two cannonballs from Kansas City, Maurice Greene, the world record-holder, and Tim

"I fell out my blocks," Gardener complained. "I had a good chance of winning and I am disappointed." Greene 6.42sec, Harden clocked



Hansen, the world indoor record-holder, strides confidently down the runway on her way to achieving victory in the triple jump Hansen with her last effort.

the Briton, jumping last, was

assured of the gold. Instead of

celebrating instantly, she main-

tained her composure to try for the world record on her final at-

tempt. It was a wasted effort,

although bringing a bottle of

champagne out from England

with a towering performance, Baulch the 400 metres with assertive front-running. What a sequence for Wales: gold for Jackson on Friday, victory over France in the rugby on Saturday, Baulch's triumph on Sunday.

Ashia, queen of Asia, Only six months ago. Hansen won the Commonwealth Games title in Kuala Lumpur and now, on the same continent. she has won again. Hansen is the world indoor record-holder and she wasted no time in stamping her authority. firm evidence that the heel injury that kept her out of Budapest

Hansen's first jump was her winning one - ISO2 metres. Only once before, when she set her world record of 15.16 metres to win the Europe-an title last winter, had Hansen cleared 15 metres in-

the others early," she said. Iva Prandzheva, of Bulgaria, and Sarka Kasparkova, of the third with 14.87 metres. When

doors. "I wanted to put pressure on

Czech Republic, responded to the challenge, both setting national records, but both fell marginally short. Prandzheva was second with 14.94 metres, Kasparkova

was not. This was her third successive championship victory — worthy of a toast. Hansen believes that there is more in the bottle, as far as her performances go. "I was the world indoor champion,

but I still wanted a bigger dis-tance." Hansen said. That is why I kept my concentration after Kasparkova had

jumped. I will never he happy with the distances. I shall always be craving for more." Christie may have lost a

European record, but he has gained a world champion. Baulch, coached by Christie, won the title that eluded him two years ago. Coming off the bend towards the end of the first lap, Baulch had to surge to lead at the bell.

"I got to the bell first, which is crucial indoors," Baulch said. "If you do not dominate by that point, your chance of success is limited." He took Milton Campbell, of the United States, the runner-up, by.

come out of nowhere," Campbell said. Down the back straight, on

the second lap, Baulch eased up, determined not to repeat his mistake of the last world indoor championships when, giving too much too soon, he finished second.

Christie's role has been critical. "My mental power is so much better, thanks to Linford," Baulch said. "I am not scared any more." Christie also coached the belief into Darren Campbell to become the European 100 metres champion last summer. Any

BASKETBALL

Finch fury as greedy Sharks fail to show their teeth

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

MORE often a man ruffled by the performances of the referees than by his own leant. Chris Finch exhibited a shift in behavioural patterns on Saturday when he vented his anger on the Sheffield Sharks. "In all my time as coach, I have never been so embarrassed by my tearn's performance," Finch declared after his squad had suf-fered a costly 84-77 defeat by Greater London Leopards.

Twice in previous Budweiser League encounters this season, the Sharks have proved to be too strong for the Leopards. who also lost to them in the National Cup final. Yet, when the chance came to confirm their supremacy over the champi-ons and retain the league's joint-leadership with Manchester Giants, the Sharks slipped up badly.

"It was a microcosm of everything we have done wrong this season," Finch continued. knowing that, for the first time, his squad is no longer in control of its own desniny. "We were greedy and mentally we weren't up for it." His anger will be tempered, no doubt, if the Leopards repeat their victory against the Giants in Lon-

don on Thursday. The Leopards will do well then not to start as slowly as they did against the Sharks. who succeeded with seven of their first nine three-point attempts. Three were converted by Todd Cauthorn. Those shots simply swished through the hoop, but, with only four subsequent successes from 27 shots, the Sharks struggled to

stay ahead. Their 18-9 lead had been reduced to 55-53 at half-time. thanks largely to the efforts of Peter Deppisch, whose 28 points included five threepointers. Tim Moore, who supported Deppisch in a 10-0 blast midway through the third quarter, finished with 27 points and 12 rebounds. Another dozen rebounds came from

Robert Youngblood.
"We wanted to make the second half like a heavyweight boxing match and see who would be left standing at the end," Billy Minns, the Leopards coach, said.

The Giants kept up their title pursuit by overcoming Newcastle Eagles, 94-92. Tony Dorsey sank the two decisive free throws for the Giants, taking his tally to 21, one more than Chris Fite's total for the

Some way behind the top two are Thames Valley Tigers. whose win over Milton Keynes Lions saw the expulsion of Andre Alleyne, the visiting coach

Golden Gebrselassie upsets the apple cart

HAILE GEBRSELASSIE said, joklngly, last week - or perhaps he was half-serious beneath his beaming smile - that, if he won the 1,500 metres here, he might go for the 800 metres next time. Where will the boundarles finally be drawn for this ex-traordinary Ethiopian? He intends to run also a marathon with world record intent pne day.

Unleashing finishing speed that put the specialists to shame, Gebrselassie added the 1.500 metres title yesterday to the 3,000 gold medal he had won on Friday. Yet this is an athlete who dominates the 10,000 metres, winning the past three world titles and the gold medal at the Atlanta Olympic Games.

5 PAIRS OF TICKETS TO BE WON

Pity poor Laban Rotich, of Kenya.

who finished second. For once, Hicham El Guerrouj, who had dominated the 1.500 metres of late, was out of the way. Then, like a fox in a chicken pen. Gebrselassie turns up where be is not supposed to be. Trailing Rotich off the final bend, Gebrselassie sprinted by to win in 3min 33.77sec.

One gold medal in a championship is Ordinary," Gebrselassie said, grinning. "I wanted to be different." Only as different as Gabriela Szabo this time. Szabo. from Romania, completed the same double, winning the 3,000 metres in 8min 36.42sec yesterday, having taken the 1,500 metres title on Saturday. Szabo may have some way to go to match Gebrselassie's achievements.

but she is building an impressive

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FROM DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT IN MAEBASHIL JAPAN

portfolio. She is the 5,000 metres world champion outdoors and broke Liz McColgan's world indoor record for the distance last month.

The two world records from the three-day programme came in the last two events. Adding to the closing drama was a last-leap win by Ivan Pedroso, from Cuba, in the long jump. Russia set new world figtires of 3min 24.25sec for the women's 4 by 400 metres relay and the United States followed suit in the men's race with 3min 2.83sec.

Poland set a European record of 3min 3.0lsec for second place, with

Great Britain third in a national record of 3min 3.20sec. Allyn Condon came off worse in a physical en-counter with Piotr Haczek, from Poland, on the first leg. otherwise Jamie Baulch may have been con-

testing gold on the last. Solomon Wariso. Wariso. Britain's second-stage runner, was more than satisfied. "A new British record behind a world record and a European record - how can you complain in company like that?," he

Pedroso was going for a fourth successive title, previously achieved only by Mikhail Shehennikov, the Russian 5,000 metres walker. He led for five rounds, but, in the sixth and last, Yago Lamela, from Spain, leapt in front with 8.56 metres. Pedroso was having none of it. He responded with 8.62 metres.

First to hug him was Javier Sotomayor, his compatriot, who also won his fourth title, though not in succession. Sotomayor's high jump acheslav Voronin, from Russia, on countback.

In the 800 metres, reputation counted for nothing. Wilson Kipket-er, the men's world record-holder and defending champion, was beaten by Johan Botha, from South Africa. In the women's race, Maria Mu-tola, failing in her bid for a fourth successive title, was passed on the final straight by Ludmila Formanova, of the Czech Republic.

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CRICKET: WEST INDIES' STANDARDS CONTINUE TO FALL IN FIRST TEST

Lara receives dressing-down from rampant Australia

THEY were serving, with typically spicy Trinidadian sauce, "Lazarus lunch with Viagra dessert" at the Queen's Park Oval here yesterday, but it was going to take more than that to raise West Indies from the depths to which they have

If Australia had thought England sometimes provided feeble opposition during the recent Ashes tour, it was best not to inquire what they felt about the efforts of the motley crew at Brian Lara's disposal at the criocal stages of this first Test.

There have been a couple of occasions when West Indies have appeared capable of competing with the side that knocked them off their perch

Scoreboard...

four years ago and have since gone on to claim their title of the best Test team in the world.

On the first day, they had them in trouble at 118 for five, but, with Courtney Walsh and Curtly Ambrose showing their advancing years, they could not complete the job and a last-wicket stand of 66 between Jason Gillespie and Glenn McGrath lifted them to a total of 269.

On the second day, they had the spectators dancing in the stands as Lara, showing a tantalising glimpse of what an inspiring captain he could be. and the newly capped Dave Joseph took the initiative from Australia with a rousing third-wicket stand of 88, but they let them down cruelly

FROM PAT GIBSON IN PORT OF SPAIN

with a batting collapse that surpassed even England's spectacular standards. In 12 overs, they contrived to lose their last seven wickets for

18 runs to the pace of McGrath and the leg spin of Stuart MacCill. The last five wickets fell without a run being scored from the bat, the only four runs added coming from a ball by MacGill that went for In the circumstances, it is

hard not to feel some sympathy for the unfortunate Lara. He does make life difficult for himself by his apparent inability to conform to the standards required of a West Indies captain, which mani-

fests itself in all kinds of little

Here, for instance, members of his own Queen's Park Club, obeying the strict dress code in the pavilion with their smart sports shirts and slacks. shook their heads sadly as their fallen idol padded off to

the dining room in bare feet. On the field, however, there does not seem to be much that he can do about the crisis. The bowling by their old lights is looking increasingly mundane and it is not going to improve until the venerable Walsh or Ambrose, or both, are put out

As for the batting, Joseph, a

Flintoff provides touch of class

NEWIANDS (fourth day of five): UCB President's XI, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, need 298 runs to beat

ENGLAND A should complete their second victory on South African soil today, although they would have expected to require fewer than the seven wickets still needed on the final day against the President's XI (Thrasy Petropoulos writes).

Set 440 to win, the President's XI lost three early wickets, including the crucial one of Boeta Dippennar, leg-before to the last ball before tea. However, England A failed to

make an impression in the final session, with Martin van Jaarsveld and Finley Brooker rarely tested in an unbroken stand of 86.

With the pitch taking considerable turn, that partnership is likely to prove of nuisance value only. Steve Harmison, who removed both openers, should also prove awkward on the fifth-day surface. With a lead of 293 and six

wickets in band overnight, Andrew Flintoff provided the impetus again. Resuming on 21 not out, he hit four sixes and seven fours in his 109-ball innings of 80, taking his first-class aggregate for the tour to 542 runs.

made a decent start to his Test career, but, as long as Shivnarine Chanderpaul is injured and Carl Hooper unavailable, Lara is the only player of real class. When one legendary West Indian, who had better remain nameless, was asked if some of the batsmen in the present squad were over the hill he said: "No, they never

even got up the hill." By the third day, the gulf between these two teams seemed to be insurmountable. It took McGrath only one over to wrap up West Indies' first innings, his sixth ball sending Mervyn Dillon's off stump cartwheeling. He had made his highest Test score of 39 on Saturday and now he completed his twelfth five-wicket haul in Tests, his fourth against

West Indies. The once vibrant crowd was down to half its size of the first two days and, if the theory that the absentees were all in church was correct, their prayers were answered when showers twice held up proceed-

Even they provided only temporary respite, however. for the sagging West Indies. Walsh did have Matthew Elliott, driving recklessly. caught at second slip for a duck and Dillon had Jason Langer caught behind for 24, but Michael Slater, reaching 50 off 120 balls, and Mark Waugh built remorselessly on Australia's advantage.

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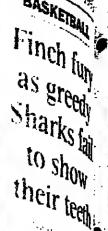
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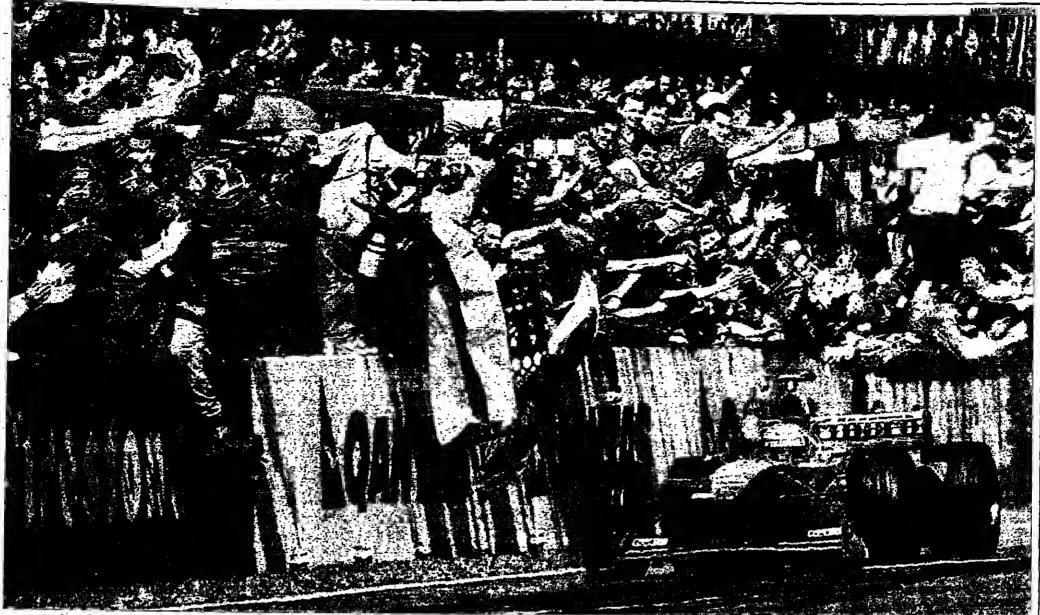
Steelers and Nottingham Panthers will contest the BBC Challenge Cup final in two weeks. The Steelers beat Manchester Storm, the Sekonda Superleague champions, 3-1 in the second leg of their semi-final vesterday, winning 8-1 on aggregate. Nottingham Panthers drew at home with Cardiff Devils 2-2 yesterday, but qualified for the final on

a 6-5 aggregate. won the World Cup super-giant slalom race at Lillehammer yesterday. The Olympic and world champion clocked Imin 30.70sec as Austria took first. second and third places, with Stefan Eberharter second in lmin 31.17sec and Andreas Schifferer third in Imin 31.29sec. Maier's win - his fourth this season -- not only left him certain of winning the World Cup super-giant slalom title but also saw him overhaul Kjetil-Andre Aamodt and Lasse Kjus, both of Norway, at the head of the overall standings.

■ ICE SKATING: Tayana Malinina, of Uzbekistan, was the surprise winner of the women's title at the International Skating Union grand prix final. Maria Butryskaya, the double European champion, of Russia, was second. Alexei Yagudin, of Russia, won the men's event, with Angelika Krylova and Oleg Ovsiannikov, his compatriots, winning in the ice dance

BOWLS: Colchester won the national inter-club championship for the first time in Exeter on Saturday. They lifted the trophy after beating Croydon 97-67 in the





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A triumphant Irvine shares his moment of glory with the Ferrari mechanics after crossing the line for victory in the Australian Grand Prix in Melbourne yesterday, his first in six years

Irvine laps up luck and overdue taste of glory

FROM KEVIN EASON

MICHAEL SCHUMACHER jumped impatiently into his hire car for the getaway while two Ferrari mechanics pushed a pile of tyres between the knot of people gathered long after the rest of Formula One had set off for the airport. At the centre of the group of hangers porate entertaining tents. Eddie Irvine, dressed in abright red Ferrari sweatshirt. sipped from a can of beer and slipped his arm around the next blonde who wanted her picture taken with today's grand prix hero. When you have waited six years and 82 races for victory, you can aiford to savour it for a while.

The Ulsterman, who has carved out a career as the best No 2 driver in Formula One. discovered yesterday how to . become the No I. Luck was, powerfully, on his side in the season-opening Australian Grand Prix. At the start of the day, you would have been hard-pressed to find anyone willing to bet on Irvine, such was the speed of the McLarens of Mika Hakkinen, in pole po-sition, and David Coulthard, while Schumacher sat ominously in third place on the grid - except, that is, for a red-haired, freckled youth, on holiday from his native Kerry, who had put Aus \$20 on his

ing-down istralia

He ignored Irvine's dismal practice days and a qualifying performance that put him only sixth on the grid, but perhaps he understood more about the alarming vagaries of Formula One than the rest of the 120,000 crowd. When he wakes up after spending his

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bars that crowd Fitzrov Street. spare car, but had to start outside the Albert Park circuit, from the pitlane, while Herbert was forced to miss out he will probably contemplate the extraordinary circumcompletely. stances that helped Irvine on The restart was a calamity

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for Schumacher, who could

forced to start from the back of

grid, apparently handing the race to the McLaren-Mer-

cedes, which showed speed well beyond the pack all week-end. However, the German's

his way to victory. The Stewart-Fords of not find first gear and was Rubens Barrichello and Johnny Herbert, for example, which looked so competitive, both burst into flames as they waited for the start. Barrichello, fourth on the grid, took the

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mishap and the burning Stewarts were merely precursors to a race of epic mishap. Damon Hill could not make it beyond the third turn in his Jordan. spinning off after being tapped from behind by a Prost-Peugeot, while Jean Alesi's Sauber did not even get off the

Irvine, meanwhile, made an aggressive start, pulling up to richello. Schumacher, characteristically, carved his way through the field, but how could even he catch Hakkinen? The world champion, in a dominant car and protected by the patrolling Coulthard in secand place, looked invincible.

There was not long to find out, as the action came thick and fast after Jacques Villeneuve, in his new British American Racing car, crashed out spectacularly on lap No 13. He was unhurt, but his stationary car and debris on the track forced stewards to send out the safety car, bunching up the field and destroying the gap from Hakkinen to Irvine of 18.Isec and to Schumacher.

then in seventh, of 37sec. At that moment, Coulthard discovered that his transmission was jammed in sixth Disconsolately, he pulled into the garage.

The defining moment was to come when the safety car was called out a second time after Alex Zanardi's first grand prix for Williams came to an abrupt end in a safety barrier. Hakkinen seemed to have been caught napping by the trailing Irvine as soon as the safety car was recalled, but a steady stream passing the McLaren signalled that the world champion was in serilinkage failure and did no more than trundle round until lap No 21, when he realised that his car was not going to cure itself. The Finn allowed himself a rueful smile as he followed his team-mate into the garage.

By now, Irvine was streak ing clear of Heinz-Harald Frentzen's Jordan and facing only one serious threat - from macher, his team He had closed to within 2sec of the leading group, knowing that there would be no battle with the race leader and expecting no less than victory - Irvine is under contract to give way to him and would have had to pull over as soon as he saw Schumacher in his wing

mirrors. This time, though, Schu macher was to suffer the ill tuck that ended his title aspirations in the final grand prix of last year in Japan. On lap 26, his right rear tyre blew out, shattering bodywork and forc-ing him into the pits. He never recovered the lap lost while mechanics replaced tyres and a

shattered nose cone. Irvine's progress to the chequered flag was serene, though the carnage behind him continued, with a total of 14 cars dropping out to leave a top six that included Frentzen, in his first race for Jordan, Barrichello, after an astonishing drive that included a stop for a losec penalty, and the rookie, Pedro de la Rosa, in his first drive for Arrows.

Not that Irvine looked back His team-mate was a lap behind in eighth place, too far to invoke any contractual obliga-tions that could rob the Ulsterman of his few hours of glory.

oing. His job for three years has been to ride shotgum for Schumacher, blocking McLarens and clearing the path

for his team-mate. Yet Schumacher has failed to win the title in spite of his

efforts and Irvine has become increas-

ingly frustrated, realising that he is

good enough to win, just not allowed

to, on the way to the end of his career.

of restlessness were there as he contem-

plated another season as Schumach-

er's bridesmaid, no longer satisfied by

the salary, the helicopter and yacht or

the adulation of Ferrari's devoted fans.

The zero in the wins column of his

record was increasingly irritating and

Before the season started, the signs

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Melbourne's skyline dwarfs Irvine's Ferrari | tel, Shanghai, today.

SNOOKER

Williams enters a new hall of fame

FROM PHIL YATES IN BANGKOK

MARK WILLIAMS joined the select band of players to have won three world-ranking events n a season when he defeated Alan McManus 9-7 in a gripping final of the Thailand Masters at the Ambassador Hotel, Bangkok, last night. Williams has blossomed into a formidable opponent of late. Successful at the Irish Open in December, when he beat McManus 9-4, and the Welsh Open a month later, the gangling 23-year-old, from Ebbw Vale, emulated Steve

Davis, Stephen Hendry and John Higgins. The £50,000 first prize carried Williams's total earnings this season to £273,325, while the manner in which he overcame high-quality opponents in his closing three matches served to underline the credentials of a realistic challenger for the world championship next month.

Williams, whose already healthy level of con-fidence was bolstered by convincing victories over Hendry, in the quarter-finals, and John Parrott, in the semi-finals, made his presence felt by establishing a 3-1 lead with breaks of 87, 64 and 106. McManus fashioned a last red-to pink clearance to steal the fifth frame and had the opportunity to force a re-spotted black in the sixth, but, having cleared yellow to pink, he

overcut a routine black off its spot.
Williams is recognised universally as the most dangerous single-ball potter in the game and this proved to be invaluable when, with the cue ball awkwardly tucked under the balk cushion, he sweetly stroked in the black from dis-

RESULTS FROM BANGKOK

M Williams (Wales) bt J Parrott (Eng) 6-2 A McManus (Scot) bt D Morgen (Wales) 6-1 FINAL

tance. A break of 72 enabled Williams to move 5-2 ahead and he also won a scrappy, errorstrewn eighth frame to enter the concluding ses-

sion in a position of considerable strength.

On the resumption, however, McManus wor the first frame of the evening on the black with a clearance of 35 and stubbornly delayed the presentation of the trophy by grittily rallying from, 8-3 to 8-7 adrift, without scoring heavily. By this time, Williams was understandably suffering from frayed nerves. Leading 46-0 in the sixteenth frame. McManus was on course to necessitate a decider, but he missed a red to a middle pocket and Williams eventually sank a spectacular green to launch his clearance to the

"My mind was gone towards the end," Williams said. "The more frames Alan won, the more pressure I was under and my hands were shaking. I'm not going to start comparing myself with the likes of Davis and Hendry, but it's good company to keep."

Despite mounting such a valliant rearguard

action, it all added up to another near-miss for McManus, who has been the bridesmaid so often. He has now advanced to the semi-finals or further in 35 professional tournaments but has prevailed in only four of the 20 finals that he

Williams will be hoping to reproduce such sustained excellence at the China International, the seventh ranking event of nine this season, which gets underway at the JC Manderine Ho-

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Family man moves up a gear

Kevin Eason believes there is still life in the vibrant Ulsterman yet

ALL along the dimly-hi street, only one sitting room was alive with the sound of laughter and celebration in the early hours of Sunday morning. Edmund and Kathleen Irvine usually travel the world to watch their son competing for the most glamorous team in the most glamorous sport on earth. This time, they decided they would stay at home in their little house near Bangor, Northern Ireland.

Perhaps, like the whole of Formula One, they believed that they could alford to miss the Australian Grand Prix because nobody gave their son a chance of winning. But the telephone call that weke them in the early hours confirmed what they hoped would happen eventually: that Eddie Irvine was a winner.

irvine is Formula One's paradox. He is the maverick whu has conformed to the strictest contract in Formula One, forbidding him to outperform his team-mate; he is the manabout town devoted to his family, par-ticularly his parents and sister. Soma who works as his physiotherapist, and he is the driver who, until yester-

day, scorned his record of never having won a grand prix.

But he has reaped the reward of diligence beyoud the call of a duty that has been both a curse and a blessing on his career. There can be no doubt that Irvine, 33, is a talented driver, yet he has bound himself into a deal at Ferrari that made it well-nigh

impossible for him to consider himself to be a potential winner. Irvine ploughed his way through the ranks, his chulliant style attracting admirers until the equally maverick Eddie Jordan brought him to Formula One six years ago. His impact was immediate and spectacular - in his first race, he was lapped by Ayrton Serina. only to retake the Brazilian. The threetimes world champion was so incensed that he marched down the pitlane and punched Irvine on the nose But Irvine has that effect on much

of Formula One. They like him or



Irvine savours the moment on the podium

blunt language and apparent arrogance. For Irvine, the move to Ferrari, as No 2 to Michael Schumacher, has been a two-edged sword, for he has the machinery to compete, but his contract states he must give way to the German. Against that, he drives for the most famous team in the world, for which he is handsomely rewarded with about £3 million a year. It has been the impossible choice give up Ferrari and the fabulous sala-

ry as No 2 or move to another team

with perhaps a worse chance of win-

a matter for correction. It was just a ruestion of how against two superior hate him for his outspoken views,

McLarens and his team leader. A month ago, he said: "I just have to make sure I am there when my time comes and maybe I could win a race or two for Ferrari. It is the one gap in my record and I don't want to finish my career in Formula One not having

won a race. Last year. I was waiting for three drivers to fall off the circuit before I had a chance of winning." Yesterday, it finally happened and all three did clear a path for a maiden victory. The question now is whether Irvine can grasp his victory and im-

FA Carrier Premiership: Charlton prove fall guys after Coventry overcome Aloisi's dismissal

Strallan puts SIESS OM wide picture

THE street hawkers income Highfield Road on Saturday enjoyed a brisk trade in T-shirts commemorating the 4-I victory against Aston Villa. Orders for a full-length video of the "historic" game were being taken inside the club /hep.

Parochial supremacy mat-ters to Covenity City supporers, but, on a national set it. this second successive win carried far greater importance.

While Gordon Strachen, the manager, was correct if suggesting that the signifi-cance of the result will become apparent only at the end of the season, it must be leaded upon already as a shattering of a for Charlton Athletic At (4) up, playing against ten men, they needed linle more than composure and conceanation to extend an unbeaten run to ments, they lacked both.

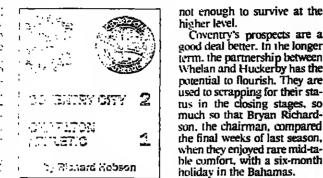
This is not the end of the world," Alan Curbishing the Charlton manager, said in a gloomy tone that conveyed the opposite. Chances such as this do not materialise even, wee' and Charlton, though possessing certain strengths and some underesomated players. are not such a good side that they can afford to squander

Struchan admitted thus when John Aloisi was dis-missed for striking Danny Mills in an argument of criti throw-in in the 58th minute, he would have settled support for an equaliser to the goal so real by Andy Hunt two minutes

Yet, after the excellent Noel Whelan struck with the culmest finish of the match in the 66th minute, only one team: carried the conviction of peren-

After his two goals agains: Villa, Aloisi could claim to be the match-winner again, although he seemed more interested in protesting his innocence afterwards.

There is a subtle difference between pulling players be-hind the ball and practical de-



higher level.

good deal better, in the longer

term, the parmership between Whelan and Huckerby has the

potential to flourish. They are

much so that Bryan Richardson, the chairman, compared

the final weeks of last season,

when they enjoyed rare mid-table comfort, with a six-month

Strachan arched his back and twice saluted the skies on

the final whistle before hug-

ging each of the Coventry play-ers that walked across his path

iowards the tunnel. Where Curbishley had confined him-

self to the dugout, Strachan

ranted and raged by the touch-

line like a man demented, of-

ten to nobody in particular. In a week in which Joe Kinnear

suffered a heart attack, Strach-

an's bulging eyes and jerking movements became an uncom-

For what purpose? Accord-ing to McAllister, any wisdom

in the manager's words goes

unheard. On the pitch, you

do not really notice it." he said.

"You just see a little red head

bobbing up and down. In the dressing-room, he is much calmer and, with the situation

we are in, we need cool

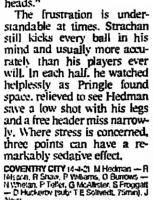
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Guppy, of Leicester City, celebrates after scoring his side's winning goal

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by Keith Plke

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of it all was soon forgotten.

ONLY in the dark days BC (Before Carling) did football used to be like this, apparently. That was until the game's mage-makers set out on their mission to convince the world that every fixture, bar nooe, is a minor classic played out at a pristine stadium packed with deliriously happy consumers; before supporters were brain-washed into living more in hype than expectation. A match as bad as this simply could not happen, could it? Well, it has

This was a game of one goal that stood — and a specacular effort it was, admittedly - plus one that did not and header against the bar. It was an afternoon dripping



equaliser disallowed for offside. The match did not deserve a goal, oever mind one so well struck as that by Guppy, whose finish and performance were the day's only

redeeming features.
At least the post-match chat was harmonious. Guppy, who missed Leicester's last visit to Wembley, promised that they would play better in the Worthington Cup final in a forthight and O'Neill expressed his respect and sympathy for lock kinnear, the Wimbledon Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, who is in hospital after suffering a heart attack. Fi-nally, David Kemp, Kinnear's deputy, put dismay over the match into context with concern over Kinnear's health. "I don't want to make excuses, bul major incidents like that put football into perspective,"

There were excuses. The Sel-hurst Park pitch is a shocker LEICESTER CITY (3-1-4-2): K Kaller (sub: P Arphasad, 48): M Elliott, G Taggart, S Weish — P Kaarnark — R Savege, N Len-non, M Izzel, S Guppy — I Marshalt, A Cotfust where do Crystal Palace spend all their money?) although, as most of this game was played with the ball

stunk the place out.

Absolutely none of which bothered Martin O'Neill and Leicester City one bit. They had stumbled upon football's version of The Land That Time Forgot, taken on the Wimbledon dinosaurs with a matching version of archaic, lump-it-anywhere football and escaped with three points and a first FA Carling Premiership win since Boxing Day. For them, the sheer awfulness

50 feet in the air, that hardly counts. Only the atmosphere was flatter than the playing surface. It was not so much which seat would you like, sir,

But, after six minutes. Perry's back pass and Sullivan's sliced clearance led to Steve Guppy's ferocious 25-yard shot into the top corner - game over, although Walsh headed against the woodwork and Euell had an

Hiley steps in to keep Southampton on course

IS YOUR glass half-full or half-empty. Mr Jones? The Southampton manager has had much explaining to do this season, a season in which many expected his club to cast off the tag of relegation candi-dates and instead push for mid-table comfort. On Saturday. David Jones pointed out that a long sequence of inju-ries to important players had prevented his team from mounting a sustained challenge for a place in the cosy zone. "We're chopping and changing every day, every game, he said.

Right now, that has to be a reason why Southampton will stay up. Which of the other relegation-threatened clubs has a host of talented players crouched in the wings? Suddenly, the malady has become the magic cure. David Hirst and John Berestord, both high-profile signings that were cursed with serious inju-ries, are close to full fimess and Jason Dod, Egil Ostenstad and Ken Monkou are preparing to return after

If you add to that the gradual recovery of Matthew Le Tissier, it seems inevitable that come judgment day - when, on May 16. Everton visit The Dell — Southampton will wave goodbye to the 1998-99 season with magnificent flourish and, who knows, condemn Everton into the bargain.

Le Tissier has been in and out of the side like some sort of society wit who cannot be bothered to offer more than a knock-knock joke. He is not quite back to his Oscar Wilde best, yet he came close against West Ham United and if he manages only to maintain his present level of match-fitness, his team will trouble anyone. Fortunately for Southampton, there are few big names left on the guest list.

Only the visit of Arsenal in a month looks obviously trouble-some and, if Jones's side win their other remaining home fixtures, they would be well-placed to wriggle out of bother

Southampton are also able to play in a relaxed and confi-dent manner that belies their league position. In the first half, they swept through mudfield, with Le Tissier and Hughes linking up with the sort of panache that most supporters had hoped for, but perhaps, had assumed would

Underlying it all was the role of Chris Marsden. The former Birmingham City midfield player was given a rough ride by the fans whenever he dared to emulate Le Tissier. but his diligence was crucial. He was first to every loose ball and mopped up so many of the visitors' ambitious but failed attacks that he made West



Ham's central midfield look lazy and petulant.

Harry Redknapp's team perform too insubstantially away from home to win a Uefa Cup place. The defence needed, it seemed, to concede an early goal in order in rouse itself. Redknapp called Ferdinand's touch from Kachhoul's longrange strike "a wicked deflec-tion", but the England defender was slow to react to what was a fairly weak drive.

Thereafter. Ferdinand regained his composure, but with the West Harn front line unable to put the simplest of shots on target, it was too late even though there were 79 minutes of the match left.

Towards the end, West Ham piled on the pressure, but they lacked the touch of heroism that a team with problems can summon up more easily, Sinclair's first good strike was saved well, but not held by Jones, and Di Canio sprang forward to bundle in what looked to be a certain equaliser. Hiley ran with the Italian and, just as the ball was about to cross the line, the full back found the momenturn to clear from an impossible angle. It may prove to be a defining moment, but only one of many as Southampton wheel out more heroes just in the nick of time.

SOUTHAMPTON 14-3-1-2): P Janes — S Hery, C Lundowern, F Bernal, P Colleter — M Caldey, C Marsden, H Kachlout — M Le Tusser (sub S Ripley, B6ron) — M Hughes, J Beerna.

WEST HAM UNITED (3-4-1-2): S Histop — I Peerco, R Ferdinand, N Ruddock — S Lonas, F Lampard, M-V Foe Isuo: P Kirson, 72), M Keller — E Berkovic — P Di Canio, T feres: O Gallagher.



Le Tissier: recovery

Edmundo is free from animal magnetism

OF ALL the world's football-ers, who act as if celebrity absolves them from responsibility, Edmundo, the Brazilian, takes the biscuit. He did not play for Fiorennina in their crucial ttalian Serie A match against Parma yesterday be-cause of injury: but if the Brazilian law authorities have their way, he may never play top-class football again.

He is wanted on an extradition order after being convicted, in his absence, of causing the death of three people by manslaughter in Rio de Janeiro, those who died being victims of his speeding at the wheel of his car. Curiously, Edmundo alienated the supporters and players of his Italian club just a month ago when he preferred carnival in Rio to his duty to play for a team that had already lost, through a knee injury, Gabriel Batistuta, its other main striker. Then, he did not want to be anywhere but Rio; now, his lawyers are working to oppose those who would have him there, inside a cell for the lour-year jail sentence that

Edmundo is known as "The Animal" because he would fight team-mates and opponents, would quarrel with anyone and once notoriously picked a light on a beach with a drug pusher.

At the World Cup last sum-mer, Edmundo, who will be 28 in April, created a more understandable commotion in the

Rob Hughes discovers why Brazil's striker is not so keen

dressing-room before the final between Brazil and France. He had been ready to play when, off, Ronaldo turned up from hospital to claim his place. Edmundo, his fury uncontained, said such things to Mario Zagallo, the Brazil coach, that he has been banned from play-

to go home

ing for his country again. Edmundo was hoping to escape Fiorentina at the end of



Wanted: Edmundo

turn to his first club. Vasco da Gama. Now, he may not be in such haste.

Also in Italy on licence is the Portugal international, Sergio Campolo. Before playing for Perugia, also against Parma last October, he tested positive for marijuana. He was sus-pended for six months, but, over the weekend, his punishment was reduced to two months, so that be is available for selection next Sunday. "He [Campolo] co-operated with the authorities and admitted indulging during a period of personal crisis," the Italian football federation said.

In Holland, Bobby Robson is also earning sympathy. He took over PSV Eindhoven in the summer, a club denuded of half its playing staff, including Jaap Stam, sold to Man-chester United. Last Friday, Robson signed the goalkeeper PSV need in Ivica Kralj, the Yugoslavia international. On Saturday, playing away to Roda JC Kerkrade, the thirdplaced team in the Dutch league. Robson's improving side won 3-1. They are going for Europe.

So. too. are Lazio. Sven Goran Eriksson, their coach, has spent money as if it was going out of fashion, but he dismissed speculation at the weekend that Emmanuel Petit will be his next recruit.

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Diamonds fail to sparkle

Rushden and Diamonds.....1

By Walter Gammie

THE jubilant scenes, the photograph of the triumphant team taken in front of the stand and a crowd of 1,302, the season, underlined that beating Rushden and Diamonds is special for their fellow

Nationwide Conference clubs. Rushden led 1-0 at halftime, after Russell Meara had dropped a cross in the thirteenth minute and Lee Flynn had put through his own net in the subsequent scramble. but goals from set-pieces by Chris Sparks and Nathan Bunce wrested the advantage

for Hayes. "I was delighted to avenge the 50 defeat up there." Terry Brown, the Hayes manager, said. For Brian Talbot, the Rushden head coach, the damage was fimited by Cheltenham Town also dropping points. "We've got 13 games left and that's 39 points" he said. Whether we're good enough to win the league, we will find out on May L"

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FA Cup: Vibrant Newcastle leave Gullit one step away from Wembley final

Ketsbaia makes rueful Everton pay

MOMENTUM is the hardest thing to gain in football and the easiest to lose. With a mistimed pass or careless lunge, the efforts of a ctub can quick-ly be forsaken, a comeback forgotten, a recovery shelved. For Everton, the moment that their season became wholly trained to avoiding relegation arrived with the dreadful clarity of a deflected shot and the horror of a needless free kick By straining to reach a spec-ulative effort from Termuri Ketsbaia, Marco Materazzi

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unwittingly initiated Newcas-tie United's first goal, diverting the course of the ball with significant effect. By felling Alan Shearer on the fringes of the penalty area. Don Hutchison provoked a second. Two-one down and with Ruud Gullit's stilted revival escalating, Everton retreated to familiar, sapping territory. While there was much more

to come, Hutchison's intervention definitively altered the course of the game. Where, for gaping intervals at the begin-ning of each half, Everton had dictated its pace and shape, the impetus was now lost.

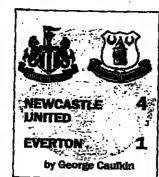


Sunderland march on Rangers reach last four.....31 Results and tables...

Three Newcastle goals in the space of 20 minutes spoke of a dominance that they only latterly earned.

Suddenly, they are beginning to resemble a team, in Shay Given, Steve Howey, Di-etmar Hamann and Shearer, Newcastie possess a backbone finally delivering the weight that it promises. The disharmony evident in the days around Christmas has been dispelled by positive results and now, where before they seemed flimsy and unimportant, their squad players are

capable of injecting vigour.
The redoubtable Ketsbaia, the former Georgia international, whose future on Tyneside is far from certain, was their hero yesterday. If he remains in the team until the end of the season, he will still fall some way short of figuring in 75 per cent of Newcastle's matches - the minimum re-



quired for the renewal of his work permit — and yet he played with a fierce, indelible hunger.
"I would like him to stay, of

course," Gullit, the Newcastle manager, said, but there is good competition for places now and Ketsbaia, because of the new regime, is showing his best form." His first goal may have been blessed wiffi a healthy slice of good forme, but the same could not be said for either his append or New. for either his second or New-castle's fourth, which he created for his side's official new captain, Shearer.

Waiter Smith, an empty, haunted figure afterwards, insisted that Newcastle were flattered by the scoreline and, in a sense, the Everton manag er was right. For the first 15 minutes of both halves. Everton were worthy combatants, but they crumbled badly. As the rain teemed down

from a sky as leaden as the stretch of muck that barely passed muster as a pitch two inspections eventually permitting the ne to proceed -Everton's players, showered and changed, trudged along the fringes of St James' Park to their coach. It was a poignant end to a vibrant afternoon, coming in stark comparison to the first little teaser which arrived with the team-sheets.

Since signing from Croana Zagreb last month, the intro-duction of Silvio Maric to English football has waited on the vagaries of a work permit, international dearance and the postponement of a reserve team match, although, after a trip to the races, a paint-ball-ing excursion and the grand tour of Tyneside's finest fashion houses, his acclimatisation

was already fairly complete. All that remained was to e the black and white shirt that Maric had been sporting while awaiting the completion of his £3.65 million transfer for the real thing and,



Georgiadis, second left, of Newcastle United, is mobbed by team-mates, including Ketsbaia, right, after scoring his side's second goal yesterday

perhaps a touch surprisingly, that happened yesterday. The Surface was too treacherous, Gullit had said, a lack of match fitness palpable, yet there he was jogging on to the field, taking his place on the left side of midfield.

Though Hamann had been the first to threaten with a speculative 20-yard punt that dipped markedly above the crossbar, Newcastle were slug-gish in leaving the blocks. There were some pretty touches in the central portion of the peared to be the least obvious from a considerable distance,

field, particularly from Maric, but, for long periods, the swirling, miscrable conditions clearly favoured Everton's pragmatic tendencies.

The first goal by Ketsbaia altered that, draining Everton of control and self-confidence until the whistle for half-time cleared the distraction. From a flurry of quick passes involving Maric and Shearer, Kets-baia emerged with the ball on the fringes of the penalty area. At that stage, a shot had apoption, but the frame of Materazzi, hurled towards the danger, shaped glory from igno-

It stopped the game in its tracks. Half-time brought a renewal of efforts and, from Everton, an influential tactical change. Don Hutchison, back from suspension, was pushed forward alongside Cadamarplexion changed. Hutchison nicked the ball from Steve Howey, flicked it forward and,

David Unsworth left Shay Given sprawling, Within another five minutes. Newcastle were ahead once more. From Hutchison's rudimen-

tary foul, Thomas Myhre, the

goalkeeper, could only parry Hamann's shot into the path of Materazzi. The Italian centre half could no little other than watch the ball spin from a substitute, turned it home. In the 72nd minute, Georgiadis found Ketsbaia with a square pass along the perimeter of the area. He stepped outside Unsworth and shot beyond Myhre and, eight minutes from time, Shearer converted a move he had begun. A combination of one-touch passes culminated with a low, firm shot that struck right at the heart of Everton's season. NEWCASTLE UNITED (44-2), S Gwert — W Barton, S Howey, N Dabtzas, D Domi — N Solano, D Hamern, R Lee, S Manc (sub. D

Georgiade, Strini) — A Sheare, T Ketsbara, EVERTON (4-4-2), T Mytre — D Wer, D Weston, M Materazci, J O'Kang — A Gran, D Hutchison, D Universith, N Bermby — D Cadamarteri (sub: J Oster, 73), F Jeffers (sub: 1 Batheryolio, 73).

Referee: G Barber

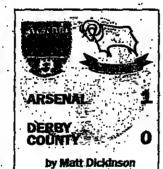
Plain old Kanu quickly makes a name for himself

THE doubts over his health and confidence dissipate by the week and, as if to mark his rejuvenation, the goalscoring hero on Saturday has even consigned his bothersome Christian name to his troubled past. From now on, the Arsenal No 25 wishes to be known only as Kanu. The tongue tripping Nwankwo has been left behind.

So, one hopes, have all his problems, with the long-legged Nigerian striding towards fulfilment at last - a hastyjudgment, perhaps, after just a handful of performances for Arsenal and only his first goal. but one that is founded on the knowledge that this is a proven winner, with a European Cup medal as evidence.

It does not take long to spot a footballer of talent, particularly amid the blood and thunder of a typically combative FA Cup-tie, and Kanu caught the eye from the moment that he entered the fray against Derby County, tiptoeing through the flying tackles with a grace and guile that should not be possible with a basketball player's physique.

The wonder is that more clubs were not willing to gamble on him when internaz-



ionale decided that his heart problems had made him such a risk. Arsene Wenger, who had been mesmerised by him at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, took the plunge and how the Italians must have regretted letting him go whenthey were so ill-served against Manchester United on Wednesday by Djorkaeff and

They needed a player of courage and intelligence and those were the skills that Kamu brought to bear decisively for Arsenal when he was brought on after 65 minutes. The holders had been on top almost from the start, but they were beginning to wonder whether it was to be one of those days. Bergkamp was becoming

under Stimac's close attention and Overmars was in the sort of selfish mood that made you wonder whether he should have been given a ball of his

Parlour, Arsenal's best performer in the absence of Petit and Vieira from central midfield, was providing the biggest threat to the Derby goal, but his shots were mostly from long range and narrowly wide. A game of ten bookings and one dismissal was heading towards a quarter-final replay at Pride Park.
Then Kanu arrived and

Arsenal's huffing and puffing found direction. Holes were picked in the Derby defence and finally, in the last minute, the Nigerian made the breakthrough. Parlour's comer fell at Keown's feet and the defender shot on the turn. The ball struck Kanu in the chest, but he swivelled faster than any 6ft 5in man should be able to and struck a shot firmly into

the Derby goal.

Arsenal were in the semifinals and, after the furore surrounding his contribution in the previous round, when he

increasingly irritated by the had combined with Overmars limpet marking of Carsley, Anelka was coming to the boil against Sheffield United, Kanu had made his proper impact on the competition and kept the holders on course for a second successive double.

"He is a quiet guy, but I think he has a strong spirit." Wenger said of Kanu. "He is improving physically and has a great attitude in training. What he does is always surguess what he is about to do. The way he solves problems on the pitch is always creative. "At the moment, he lacks

pace and rhythm, but you cannot have that when you have played only five times in two years. He covers less ground than he can, but it is getting better. I see him as a link player, but I still do not know how best to use him. Perhaps in a

Christmas tree [formation] with one striker [Anelka] and two behind [Kanu and Bergkampj. But he can also play as a target man because of his

It is a problem that Wenger can enjoy toying with as his team prepares for the critical months of the season in improving form. Arsenal will not be helped by the loss of Stephen Hughes for three



Dunn, the referee, steps in to cool tempers between Anelka, right, and Stimac during a full-blooded FA Cup quarter-final at Highbury, won by Kanu's late goal for Arsenal

but Vicira will return against Sheffield Wednesday tomorrow night and Petit will be refreshed by his long rest when he comes back from his ankle injury in three weeks.

Arsenal deserved their late break, although there should be sympathy for Derby, whose use of man-markers and three strikers had caused the home side difficulties in the first half. County allowed themselves to be pressed too deep after the interval and Wenger threw more and more forwards on until his opponents could resist no more. The frustration proved to be

too much for Dean Sturridge, who was shown his second yellow card for protesting about Kanu's goal. There was nothing untoward about it, though, and Kanu went home a convert to the wonders of the Cup. Much will be expected of him now, but, at 22, there is plenty

of time to deliver.

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Ginola's spectre haunts **Tyneside** feast

BY OLIVER HOLT **FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT**

THEY are beginning to scent some of the flamboyance of former years on Tyneside, but the FA Cup semi-final draw yesterday, a unish-mash of ifs and maybes, held out the prospect of two of the most celebrated remnants of the good times coming back to haunt them. If Tottenham Hotspur

beat Barnslev next Tuesday, in a quarter-final delayed by the wintry Yorkshire weather, then David Ginola and Les Ferdinand will be two of the men standing in the way of Ruud Gullit and his revitalised Newcastle United as they attempt to return to the Cup Final for the second year

running. Newcastle barged Everton aside 4-1 vesterday to join the holders, Arsenal, as the only teams through to the semi-finals. It is still possible that the sides who met in the final last season will contest it again this year. This time, Newcastle

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would provide Arsène Wenger's team with more of a test, but George Graham, the Tottenham manager, will be savouring already the prospect of leading his team out against his former charges from Highbury to what would be Spurs' second Wembley final this season

"If we are going to win the competition," Alan Shearer, the Newcastle forward who scored the last of his team's goals yesterday, said, "we are going to have to bear the best teams somewhere aloog the way. It will be a top-drawer semi-final." Newcastle's route to a re-run of the final last

vear still looks easier than that of Arsenal Through to the semi-finals courtesy of Kanu's late winner against Derby County on Saturday, they will have to vanguish either Chelsea or Manchester United to reach Wembley.

Chelsea held United to a goalless draw at Old Trafford yesterday and will now be the favourites to advance to meet their London rivals for a semi-final that may be played at Wembley if two London teams are contesting it.

Chelsea victories in the replay on Wednesday night and over Arsenal would also raise the possibility of Gullit leading Newcastle out against the club that dismissed him so unceremoniously last year. Despite the callow way

that many of the top

teams now treat the FA Cup, the fact remains that all three of the leading title contenders are still pressing for the Double. Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said: "We would have preferred not to have to replay, but we are still only two kicks away from Wembley."



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aland: Keane, Scholes, P Neville. Chelser S De Goey A Ferrer, M Despily, 6 Lecthoards, 6 Le Soon, D Petreson (soin & Newton 45), R Di Manne, J Llorre, 6 Coldbert, T A Ro (sub. M Forssell 60), G Tola (soin A Myers 80).

(1) 4 EVERTON tals 21, 73 Unsworth 57 gradic 61, Shearer 81 36,504 fencastle United: S Gwen. W Barton, D Doma, S Howey, N Jahrzss, R. Lee, S Alland roub, G Georgadis 54mmi, D Jampin N Solano, A Shearer T Kessban.

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HUDDERSFIELD Steven 64 (pen), 68 Jenlans 72	(0) 3	STOCKPORT 11.914	(D) 6
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SUNDERLAND Phillips ?	(1) 1	MORWICH 39,004	101 6

POSTPONED: Crewe v Gronsby (Pools Panel Verdict: HT Score draw), Port Vale v Bradford (Pools Panel Verdict: HT Away win, FT:

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OLDHAM Whitehall 47 Destury 75 4.453	(O) 2	SOUTENEMBUTH Cox 2 Stein 44 Warren 63	(2) 3
FIEADING Cashey 62	(0) 1	MACCLESFIELD 8,065	(T) 6
WALSALL Wrack 70	(O) 1	LUTOK 4,508	(O) 6
WREXHAM 3,224	(0) 8	CHESTERFIELD	(0) 6
WYCOMBE Baird 57	(0) 2	COLCHESTER Dozeil 18	(11 2

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HULL 6.692	(6) 8	MANSFIELD	161 6
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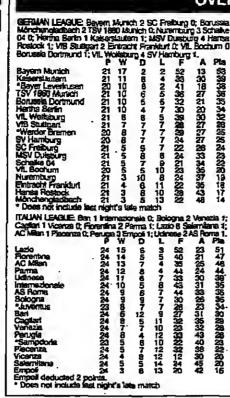
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GOALSCORERS

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FIRST DIVISION: 31: L Hughes (West Brom), 23: M Stewart (Huddersfield), 20: L Mris (Bradford), 18: D Windass (Bradford, 18 for Oxford Utd), 17: Angell (Stockport): N Quant (Sunderland): (Roberts (Norwich). 16: R Keene (Wolver-hamptort): C Bellamy (Norwich). 14: R Blake (Bradford): D Adebola (Birmingham). 13: . Marcelo (Sheff Utd): P Groves (Grimsby). Marcelo (Sheff Urd); P Groves (Grintsby).
SECOND DIVISION; 24: M Stein (Bournemouth).
20; G Honsfield (Futham, 8 for Halitax). 19: K
Nogan (Preston). 18: C Asaba (Gillingham, 1 for
Reading); R Cresswell (York); A Rammell
(Walsell). 17: A Payton (Burnley); J Cureon
(Bristol Rovers); S Berlow (Wigan); J Roberts
(Bristol Rovers). 16: R Yaylor (Gillingham). 15: 8
Hayles (Futham, 10 for Bristol Rovers). 14: K
Connolly (Wrextham); N Harris (Millwell); 5
Robinson (Sournemouth).

THRO DIVISION: 18: J Forrester (Scumhorpe): Owuşu (Brantford). 17: M Butlar (Cambridge Lowest (sements) IV: Black (Mansfeld), 15: S Parmotog (Brentbord, 15 tor Torquisy); J Taylor (Cambridg (Brentbord, 15 tor Torquisy); J Taylor (Cambridge Uto); 3 Flack (Exeter), 14: J Eyre (Scunthorpe M Gabbachn (Darfington); J Williams (Cardiff 13: T Bengenin (Cambridge Uto); K Charler (Cambridge Uto); K Charler



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The Oxford United defence can only watch as Fabian De Freitas prepares to shoot for West Bromwich Albion at the Hawthorns on Saturday. The home side's 2-0 victory lifted them into a play-off place but left Oxford in trouble

NON-LEAGUE AND NATIONAL LEAGUES

UNIBOND RYMAN PREMIER DIVISION: Bishop Auditand PREMIER DIVISION: Aldershot 0 Billericay 1 Basingstoke 1 Bromley 1; Bishop's Stortford 0 Purfeet 0; Dulwich 2 Boreham Wood 0; Workson 1: Gatesheed 2 Stalybridge Erdeld 5 Harrow 0: Gravesend D Chesham 2 Hampton D Sulfon 3; Hendon 4 St Albans 3; Slough D Dag and Red 1; Walton and Hersham D Aylesbury 2. P W O L F A Pts Bamber Bridge 33 15 12 9 55 40 57 Gatesheed 33 16 8 9 60 45 56 25 16 7 5 50 22 55 31 16 6 9 44 35 54

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DR MARTENS Halesowen 3 Dorchester 1; Hastings Worcester 0; King's Lynn 3 Salisbury 3: Merthyr 1 Bleston 2: Numeaton 8 Bromsgrove 0; Rothwell D Gloucester 1; Waymouth 3 Greeky 1. Other matches post-

Rothwell Town 25 8 8 13 29 48 32 Bromsgrove 32 8 4 22 28 66 23 MIDLAND DIVISION: Bilston D Clevedor 1; Newport AFC 2 Stanford AFC 1 Redditch 4 Cinderlord 1; Stafford 1 Bedworth 2, Stourbridge 0 VS Rugby 1 Other matches postponed. Southern divi-sion: Ashford 1 Bashley 3; Baldock 2 Enth and Belvedere 1; Brackley 2 Fisher London 0: Chelmsford 2 Folkestone Invicta 1; Curencester 2 Stitingbourne D Dantions O Havant and Waterlooville Reel 1 Margate 2; Tonbridge Angels 0 Newport low 0: St Leonards 0 Raunds 2. NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Yate 0 Witney 0: Postponed: Corby v

FRST DMISION: Barton 2 Yearing 1; Bognor Regis 0 Oxford City 1; Braintne 1 Remford 3; Carvey Island 3 Hitchin 0; Cherbary D Berkhamsted 4; Coveton 2 Levton Permant 1; Carriery Island 3 Historin C; Chiertery D Berkhamstod 4: Coydon 2 Laylon Parmant 1; Leetherheed 2 Unbridge C; Maidenheed D Worthing C; Statines 1 Moistey C; Wentbley D Grays 1; Whyteleate D Westblorine 2. Secting division: Barctead D Hernol Hempsteed 4: division: Barctinad D Hernel Hempsteed 4: Bracknel 4 Barking C Edgmar D Martin 2; Hartow 2; Hartow 2 Challons 8: Peter C: Hartow 2 D Horsham 1; Leighton 1 Hungerford C; Met Potice 2 Bedford Town 4; Tooting and Macham 1 Thrains 2: Witham 0 Northaeod C; Wiverthoe D Abingdon Town 0; Woldingham 1: Windsor and Elon 0; Third division: Aveley 1 Egham 0; Camberley 1 Lawes 2: Cheshunt 2 Connthian-Casuals 2; Croydon 5 Southell 1; Dorking 1 Homohurch 3: East Thurnock 1 Caption 1; Flatievel Health 1 Ford 2; Kingsbury 2 Egsorn and Elwali 3; Tring D Wingale and Finchley 4; Wars 3 Tilbury 3.

SOUTH EAST COUNTES LEAGUE FIRE ONsion. Barret 1 Cambridge Utd 2; Bournemouth 1 Leyton Orlent 2; Brentford 4 Portsmouth 1; Brighton 8 Giffinghern 2; Bristol 1 Wycombe (t; Cadord Utd 2 Reading (t; Southend Utd 0 Luton 1. Postponed: Swindon v Colchester Utd.

FA PREMIER ACADEMY LEAGUE: Under-19 A President ACADENT Existed. Control St. Argental 3 Weet Hern C. Blackburn 1 OFR 1; Bolton 1 Southernpton 2; Bristol 3 Eventon 2; Charleon B Uverpool C; Chelsea 3 Man City 1; Crystal Palace D Man Utd 1; Derby 1 Sunderland C, Ipswich 2 Welford C; Newcastle 1 Covertry 3; Norwich 2 Millerell C; Petertorough 1 Totanham 1. Postponed: Middles bugh 1 lotternam 1. Protest: Shelf Wed v
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RANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier divistor: Briefey Hit 2 Wolvestampton 2; Ludow 2 Oudlay Town 1; Malvem D Station 0; Star 0 Kington 2. Other matches postponed. INTERLINK EXPRESS ALLIANCE: Rocester 1 Chasetown 1; Stratford 2 Pershore 1. Other matches postponed.

COURAGE COMBINED COUNTIES | SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Cross COURAGE COMBINED COUNTIES LEASURE Premier division: APC Wallingford 4 Viding Sports 1; Ash 3 Vallion Casudis 2; Bestlont 2 Godaining and Guildford 1; Chipsted 1 Chestington and Hook 1; Cotharn 2 Astford 0; Caurleigh 3 Raynes Perk Valle 4; Hierdey Wintney O Fornham 0; Montham 2 Cove 0; Nethame 0 Reading 8; Westlield D Feldham 0.

NORTH WESTERN TRAINS LEAGUE FIN dweion: Worldigton 3 Remetotion 2. Other Metches Postponed. Leegue Cup: Semi-finel, Second Leg: Postponed: Newcastio Town v Presoxt Cables.

ARNOTT INSURANCE NORTH LEAGUE: First division: All matches postponed. COMPLETE MUSIC HELLENIC LEAGUE-Prenier division: Banbury 2-Harrow Hill 0; Burntram 2 Almondabury 1; Carterton 3 Chancester Academy 0; Hallen 3 North Leigh Nifbury 3 Swindon Supermarine 3: Short wood 2 Didcot 0; Wantage 2 Bicester 1. Post poned: EPC Cheltenhers v Feirford. ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE MIDILAND COMES

NATION: Premier division: Alveston 9 Dudies Sports 1; GPT (Coversty) 4 Keniworth 1 Other matches posiponed. ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE MIDILAND LEAGUE Prosidents Cup: Sero-limits: All Matches Postponed. Challenge Cup: Fourth sound: Handrichen Timbers 0 Coverdy

Sphirts 2 JEWSON EASTERN COUNTRES LEAGUE Premier division: Fallentiern 2 Fallestowe Por and Town 1; Great Yarmouth 5 Halstead 0 (pewich 0 Dass 0; Loweslott 1 Bury Town 0 Maldon 5 Watton 1; Newmarkst 4 Gorission 1; Stownarkst 3 Harwich and Parlesson 0 Sudibury Town 0 Histon 1; Woodbridge (Sucbury Wanderess 1: Wrothern & Elv O. JENSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division Bernerton Heath 5 East Cowes 1; Brocken-hurst 0 Bournemouth 1; Downton 4 Hamble ASSC 0; Lymington and New Milton 1 East-leigh 2; Money Fleids 3 Circlestructh 0; Portsmouth 1 Gosport 3; Thetcham 4 Peretram 3; Whitchurch 1 BAT 1.

MINERVA SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE Premier division: Arlessy 1 Brook House 1; Beaconsled Sycob 0 Toddington 2, Brinsdown 0 Brache Sparts 5; Hillingdon 2, Brinsdown 0 Brache Sparts 5; Hillingdon 2, Royaton 0; Hoddesdon 2 New Bracwell 3I. Prior 1; Potters Bar 2 Hennigey 0; Russip Manor 6 St. Mangaretsbury 0; Somensett Antbury 4 Harpenden 1; Waltism Abbey 0 London Ceiney 3; Welwyn Gerden 3 Buckingiam Athletic 3, Postponed; Johnston St. Many's v Berkingside.

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Mary's v Banangside.

OLD BOY'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Budswelliams 2 Old Inguitiers & Old Herrstoniers 2 Old Vaughaniams © Old Selectriams & C Manning OB 2, Postponet: Old Tensoniams v Enfect OS. Santor first division: Letymer OB 0 Old Suttoniers 2, Old Reigniers 1 Phoenix OB 2, Old Tiffiniams 0 Old Kingsburters C, Old Wilsoniers 2 Old Mannings 3, Sheries OB 5 Old Islaworthiams 4, ARTHURAN LEAGUE: Premier division Bradiecians 1 Bionlans 0; Old Foresters Old Chigwellians 3; Lancing 1 Old Carthu sens 0; Old Selopians 1 Old Brentwoods 3 First division: Malvernians 2 Harrovians

SCREWRY DIRECT LEAGUE. Premier did ston: Samstaple 11 Sistrop Sutton 4; Bridg-water 1 Keynsham 0; Bridgont 3 Caine 0; Bristor Manor Farm 3 Odd Down 0; Mangels-Bristo Manor Farm 3 Odd Down Q Mangots-feld 1 Eldeford Q Tauman 1 Brisington Q Yeous TR 4 Elmore 1. Les Philips Cup Quarter-Insic Beckwol 6 Cyst 1.

End Vampine 3 Norsemen 0; East Barnet OG 2 West Wickhern 1; NetWest Bank 0 Lloyds Benk D; Old Permiseries 1 Carshellon 4; Midland Bank 1 Old Bromletens 3; Old Esthamelans 1 Old Perkonions 0; Old Lyoniens 0 Civil Service 1; Whichmore Hill 2 Old Salesiene 3; Old Stationers 4 Alexandra Park 3; South Bank 2 Old Owene 2; Cusco 3 Scoomfield 3; Marton 1 Alleyn Old Boys 1; Old Fluchteisen 7 fiels 1; Brendhern 2 Southgate Olympic 5; Old Westmirator Ctz. 8 Klaw Asso-ciation 4; Blank Of England 3 Old Latymentans

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UNIVET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First children: Broadkridge Heath 3 Ringmer 3; Burgess Hill 2 Languay Sports 0; Sastbourns Town 1 Widt 3; Sastbourns 0 Paghern 1; Hall-sharn 0 Sakteen 3; Portlakt 0 Rochall 0; Salsey 0 Hassocks 6; Shoreharn 1 East Presiden 0. Postmonth Heathern 1 Lines Preston D. Postponed: Horsham YMCA

U-LSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE-Premier division: Buckinghem 2 Kempaton 1; Hobasch 1 Cogenhoe 2; Long Buckley () N Spercer 7; Wellingborough 2 Potton (). Other matches postponed. UHLSPORT KNOCKOUT CUP: Third round

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: PH division: Crockentill 3 Beckenhern 1; Deal 8 Enth 0; Herne Bay 0 Chathern 1; Hythe 2 Lordswood 4; Sheppey 1 Ramagate 0; Thernesmend 2 Cray 0; Turkhridge Wells 0 Whitestable 1, Postponed: Carrierbury v VCD; Stade Green v Faversham,

FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE: National division: All Matches Postponed. FA WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Northern division: All matches postponed. Southern division: Brighton 4 Leyton Orlent 2: (powich 1 White-Barnet v Langford.

AXA FA WOMENS CUP: Fourth round: Wattord 1 Assensi 5; Shelf Wed D Southempton Saints 5; Reading Royals 3 Transiers 5; Postponed: Doncaster v

NATIONAL

LEAGUE OF WALES: Barry Town 4 Bangor City 2, Caemerion Town 2 Combran 4, Caesws 8 Inter Cable Tel 2 Ringyafer Town 1 Alan Udo 1; Rhyl 1 Reverlorded poned Carmerthen Town v Conneit's Quey y Cormy.

PRESS & JOURNAL HIGHLAND LEAGUE. Cachnauddin 2 Rothes 2 Lossiemouth 1 Cove 2 Naim County 8 Budie Thatfe 1: Peterhead 1 Keith 1: Wick Academy 3 Fort William 1. Peterned Descrivale v Bross. Hurst v Passerburgh. SMENOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Premier division:

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4 Gallingham	33	11	5	2	33	13	4	8,	2	21	15	59	(54)
5 Bournemin	32	11	5	0	33	8	5	4	7	21	24	57	154
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9 Wigan	31	8	3	3	23	8	8	4	7	22	22	49	(45)
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Increasing pressure threatens to derail **Bolton**

Swindon Town Bolton Wanderers.

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BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

PRESSURE. It grabs the throat churns the stomach. turns legs to jelly. Those of a calm, composed nature become jibbering wrecks; fear-some, combative hulks dissolve into simpering pussy-cats. The weak curi up and

die; only the strong survive. Colin Todd, the Bolton Wanderers manager, will confront the issue this morning. In a playing and managerial career spanning 35 years — from Chester-le-Street Boys to Vancouver Whitecaps, from Derby County and England to Whitley Bay — he experienced the best and worst that pressure can produce. He came through.

For many of his players, though, it is an alien concept. Attempting to gain promotion from the Nationwide League first division into the FA Carling Premiership might not appear to be too much of a burden, but, apparently, it is. Todd recognises the sweaty-palm syndrome and is worried.

Vinnie Jones, 35, has decided to leave football to concentrate on his acting career. The former Wales international, who starred in the successful British film Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels, made his name at Wimbledon but also played for Leeds United, Sheffield United, Chelsea and Queens Park Rangers, the last of his clubs.

A high-scoring draw away to Swindon Town on Saturday, though salvaged from 2-0 and 3-1 deficits, was not up to scratch. "People might think that was a useful point for us, but I don't." he said. "A lot of the lads have not been in this position before, but they've got to handle it. It's hard to take anything positive from that dis-play. We are not doing our jobs in the manner we should be. I said to the players: nere's no pressure from it it's up to you to do it."

After an unbeaten sequence. of 15 league matches, Bolton have failed to win in their past four games and have slipped from second place to fifth, seven points off the automatic promotion place. A previously sound defence has conceded nine goals in three outings. The strain is showing.

It made for fascinating fare after a relatively low-key first half in which Swindon went ahead through a header by Howe, Bolton bickered among themselves and Barry Knight, the referee, took four of the seven names he would collect in a spiky game. It was mildly entertaining, yet nothing com-pared to what followed.

Hay scampered clear to stretch Swindon's lead soon after the interval, Fish's overhead acrobatics reduced the gap and Walters made it 3-1 with an unstoppable 25-yard free kick. Completing a frantic spell of four goals in 17 minutes, Jensen and Gudjohnsen achieved parity.

In the remaining 13 minutes, Bolton's confidence returned, their passes zapped around the pitch and Swindon all but buckled. "It's not a strange game." Todd said. "It's the players that make it strange."

Nationwide League: Phillips on target for remorseless Sunderland

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Drama sold out in Stadium of Light

Sunderland Norwich City.

YOU are strolling through the aisles. of a cavernous supermarket: you have your shopping list and everything on it. You go to the checkout with all that you came for, you pay, you leave and yet you feel a nagging emptiness inside. The sensation does

ity, the fun? This is how it feels to visit the Stadium of Light, with its same grandiose edifice, the faultless goods and the

Tranmere Rovers ...

BY PETER ROBINSON

THE boos tumbled down the

stands at Portman Road like

waves on a beach, driven by

the weight of expectation. For

a team set on promotion to the

FA Carling Premiership, it

was an indignity as unwel-

jeers had turned to cheers, the imprecations to elation, quite

out of keeping with the fact that Ipswich Town had just beaten

Tranmere Rovers. Not Liver-

pool or Everton, Merseyside's

"other" club. By a goal to nil.
The change was extreme, unnecessarily so, but it left no doubt about the passion of

those supporting Ipswich Town in their pursuit of the Pre-

micrship, or about their belief

that they are capable of return-

ing to the level that they have

raced in the past. Given that

Sunderland are probably up, a

shortlist of four is emerging for who will join them — Ipswich,

Bradford City, Birmingham City and Bolton Wanderers —

and this victory lifted the first

of those into second place, at

doubts about Ipswich. For ex-

ample, they were without Kei-

ron Dyer on Saturday, the 20-year-old midfield prospect who, if truth be told, is going

to be playing in the Premier-ship next season, regardless of

whether Ipswich are there or

not. A broken leg sustained

last Tuesday will keep him out

of action for six weeks or so

Yet it also raised one or two

the top of the chasing pack.

come as it was unexpected. Less than an hour later, the

not lead itself to easy definition, but

where was the intricacy, the spontane-

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Bolton or Bradford.

cially in the first half.

Still, if they can keep grind-

happy enough. Happy-go-

fortunate here, having been

outplayed by Tranmere, espe-

charge for perhaps a minute, the 78th, but it was enough. It

was quite a minute, too, as dra-matic as you could wish for. It

began with a cross by Johnson

that flew towards Stockwell at

the far post. He, in turn, fell

face-first into the turf, pushed

by O'Brien, penalty. Venus tried to take it, only to be de-layed by the referee while he

That done, Coyne, in the

Tranmere goal, began a mes-

merising dance on his line, dis-tracting Venus so much that

he struck his penalty far too

saved it well. Corner. In came

the cross, a scramble, a header

by Scowcroft and Thetis divert-

ed the ball over the line. Goal.

-Transmere did their best to

salvage something, but Wright

was in awesome form and the

eoalkeeper, who

booked O'Brien.

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Ipswich were in complete

dearth of surprise. You turn up, Sun-derland win without drama, you go home. The scale of the operation cannot fail to impress; but any novelty has long since worn out. You get what you pay for, nothing more. Not, in other words, the kind of place to

rummage for trinkets. Against Norwich City on Saturday, bogeys were buried and records set, yet countless pairs of eyes in another vast crowd will have swiftly glazed over. Another team come to harass and disrupt, another 90 minutes of

As usual, Peter Reid's side navigated a tortuous path through it, beating Norwich for the first time under his stewardship and, in the process, recording their ninth successive home League victory. "I'm pleased with that one," Reid said later, and one could sense that he meant it.

It felt momentous simply because of their awesome, remorseless efficiency. None of their recent sequence, which matches the feat of Bob Stokoe's Sunderland in 1975-76, have been better than 2-0. At the start of the season, they trounced Tranmere Rovers 5-0, beat Watford 4-1 and put seven past Oxford United, but that was before opposing teams realised that trenchant negativity might be

From the refreshing equality of the opening moments. Norwich appeared to be tracing a different blueprint. They pressed and harried, but when a Sunderland player got his foot on the ball, there was no collective, lurking retreat to the safety of their half. There was a breathy open-ness about their football.

It deflated pretty sharply when Chris Makin moved beyond the right side of defence and clipped the ball forward, where a back-heeled pass from Darren Williams — a stand-in for the injured Lee Clark — created a yard of space and Kevin Phillips produced a stunning finish. Seven minutes gone, game over and a joint re-treat to physicality.

Almost surreptitiously, Sunderland contrived to prompt a useful save from Andy Marshall. Nicky minutes from time, the shirt of Gavin McCann received a sharp rug. "A stone-cold penalty," Reid said.

What would Sunderland make of the FA Carling Premiership, Bruce Rioch, the Norwich manager, was asked? "Oh, I think Peter will need about £50 million, give or take a bit of small change," he replied. It was meant in jest, but one could not help

meant in jest, but one could not neip wondering. A supermarket suddenly surrounded by luxury stores.

SUNDERLAND (4-4-2): T Screncer — C Melon, A Melville, P Burler, M Gray — N Surrorethee, K Bell (sub. G McCarn, Edwin), D Wilsens, A Johnston — N Quinn, K Phillips
NORWICH CITY (4-4-2): A Marshall — C Wisson, C Fleming, M Jackson, E Fugeletad — O Sutch, L Marshall, P Grant (sub. O Russell, 60), K O'Neil — I Roberts, C Belliury (sub. C Llewellyn, 74).

Reference: O Pugh.

Amoruso sends battling **Falkirk** tumbling

Rangers Falkirk....

By PHIL GORDON

FORTUNE hardly fa voured the brave at Ibrox Instead, it ignored Falkirk's pleas for justice as Lorenzo Amoruso bludgeoned Rangers into the semi-finals of the Tennent's

Scottish Cup yesterday. Falkirk, of the first division, seemed destined to prolong their love affair with this competition by carning a quarter-final replay when the Rangers captain saved the Scottish Premier League leaders with a 75th-minute winner. There seemed to be little danger when the tall Ital-ian defender ambled forward from the centre circle. but Falkirk backed off and Amoruso thrashed a 35-yard shot that dipped before taking a vicious bounce to beat Paul Math-

ers, the goalkeeper. Falkirk, who reached the final of this competition in 1997 and were semi-final-

Celtic and Rangers avoided each other in the semi-finals of the Scottish Cup when the draw was made yesterday. Rangers meet St Johnstone in a repeat of this season's League Cup final, while Celtic face Ayr United or Dundee United, should they beat Greenock Morton

ists last season, had cancelled out an early secondhalf goal by Neil McCann with a splendid strike from David Moss. They also struck the post and forced Stefan Klos, the Rangers goalkeeper, to excel.

"Falkirk's commitment was better than ours," Dick Advocaat, the Rangers coach, said. "Only Amoruso played well - I never saw the ten other players in

Alex Totten, the Falkirk manager, said: "We deserved a replay because our performance was exceptional, but the two goals we

lost were dreadful." Falkirk's hunger was epitomised by Kevin McAllister, who won every tackle. Elsewhere, Totten's team were well organised. with Martyn Corrigan and Jamie McQuilken, in particular, ensuring that McCann and Kanchelskis

were not allowed to

outjumped the central de-

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ckhorst was a mystery, but

the ball flew past Mathers.

Scott Crabbe responded for Falkirk with a shot that

struck the inside of the post

in the 57th minute, before

Moss equalised after Klos

GILLINGHAM (3-4-1-2): V Barrern — B Ashby, A Pennock, G Bulters — N Southet (sub: J Hodge, 78hmin, P Shirth, M Saun-ders (sub: K Lisble, 64), M Patterson — A Hossenthater — C Asaba, R Taylor

provide Rangers with the hreat on the flanks that has characterised their recent routs. McCann gave Rangers the lead in the 52nd minute. How the winger



Asaba, the Gillingham striker, is watched closely by Gregan, the Preston North End captain, at Priestfield

Taylor has Preston in his sights

By NICK SZCZEPANIK

fates were against them, even when Thetis climbed all over Kelly in the second minute of added time and escaped pun-ishment, which would have entailed a penalty to Tranmere. A penalty? To the away team? gether.

In injury time? This crowd, so moody and volatile, would have gone quite potty about that. IPSWICH TOWN (3.5-2): R Wright — M Thete, A Mowbrey, M Vorus — F Wilris, R Petta (sub: M Stociovell, 74min), M Hoberd, J Magdion, J Clephem — R Neytor (sub: J Scowcrot, 80), D Johnson.

and, without him, Ipswich SEOMOTOR, 601, DJOHNSON.
TRANMBRE ROVERS (4-1-4-1); O Coyne
— G Allen, J McGreel, C Hill (sub; O Chel-linor, 75), A Thompson — L O'Brien (sub; S Kournes, S2) — A Perforson, K Ioms, A Me-hon, L Jones (sub; O Kelly, 65) — S Taylor. lacked a cutting edge. It says something, too, that George Burley, the manager, is seeking a replacement for

WHEN a player scores five times in a single match, he is entitled to a sense of anticlimax if he manages just one goal in the next. Nevertheless, Robert Taylor, who monopo-lised the scoring during Gillingham's 50 win away to Burnley nine days ago, may come to regard his late equalis er on Saturday as being as valuable as his famous five put to-

Had he not escaped the Preston North End defence for the first time in the ninctieth minute to head in a cross by John Hodge, the visitors, in second place in the Nationwide League second division, would have widened the gap between themselves and Gillingham, in fourth, to ten

points. Even so, Gillingham's "The players have a belief in best chance of promotion to each other and what they are the second echelon of English football for the first time probably remains the play-offs, but at least they prevented Preston from disappearing over the horizon.

They deserved to do so, if only for their perseverance. Preston had taken an early lead, when Sean Gregan, the captain, deflected in a bouncing effort through a crowd of players by Mark Rankine, and they had looked the superior team.

Gillingham exerted plenty of rudimentary pressure, but most was absorbed by a defence in which Colin Murdock, the central defender, excelled. Murdock was ably supported by a collective work ethic that Gregan ascribed to team spirit built by David Moves, the manager. "A big part of football, if not the biggest part," Moyes said.

trying to do. When we get a anything then." chance, we do try to pla In fact, Prestoo's belief in passing the ball swiftly and ac-

curately on the ground was in marked contrast to the home side's route-one approach, which saw David Lucas mainly occupied in collecting a series of aimless high balls. Such was the unrelenting nature of the airborne assault

that one or two decent crosses were bound to come in and Lucas was obliged to make three outstanding saves. The best came when he dived low to his left to a cross by Southall, although he was powerless to save Taylor's late effort. "A terrific game played at a

great pace," Tony Pulis, the Gillingham manager, said. Their keeper was outstanding: the save from Asaba was top-drawer stuff. We're disappoints, but pleased at the end, because you'd settle for their own destiny, even

though the gap between them and Walsall, in third place, has narrowed to two points. However, Walsall, Bournemouth and Manchester City, must visit Deepdale. while Preston go to Fulham on the last day of the season hoping for a repeat of the events of 1970-71, when they pinched the divisional chammonship from the same opponents at the same venue. There's a lot of football to be played," Moyes said, "and a lot of points to be dropped."

PRESTON MORTH END (4-4-2)* O Lucas

— J Derby, M Jackson, C Murdock, O Lucas

den — A Gray, M Rankhe, S Gregan, O
Eyres — K Nogen, S Basham (sub: J
Madden 75).

Griffiths keeps promotion rivals in check

Leyton Orient Rochdaie.

BY BILL EDGAR

THE supporter told by the stadium announcer of his fatherhood might have been equally shocked by the rest of the message relayed during the first half of this match. Stay until the end of the game," he was advised. Clearly, his wife appreciates the ex-citement of watching Leyton Orient during what could be the birth of a

After a week in which the image of intellectually-challenged footballers was reinforced by the Le Saux saga, an Orient team in chess-board shirts used its tactical nous to pull off a fifth consecutive victory in the Nationwide League third division. Displaying a fluidity more common among Dutch sides, the Londoners effectively oper-ated without a right back, with four players taking turns to fill the gap when necessary.

At times, their formation was as hard to decipher as a Kasparov strategy, but Barry Hearn, the king of Orient, looked on proudly and opti-

mistically. Referring to his team in the match programme, the chairman said that a new 1,300-seat stand at Brishane Road would not be the only thing to go up this May. Hopes of promotion increased on Saturday as Orient ruse to third place.
Orient, like Rochdale, may be a

small-time club in a big-city sprawl, but the Brazilian television-style yelling of "goal" on the public address

system to mark every home score hints at a yearning for a bigger stage. The bellow boomed across East London three times on Saturday and, on each occasion, Carl Griffiths had

pull back from the byline set up the headed opener for Kwarne Ampadu in first-half stoppage time and the Orient forward added the other two goals himself, knocking in a rebound and then converting a brilliant curl-ing cross by Tony Richards.

been heavily involved for Orient. His

Tommy Taylor, the Orient man-ager, said: "There's a gap opening up at the top of the table and we've got to make sure we stay there."

His team is unlikely to be dislodged by Rochdale, who remain in mid-table after a game in which they threatened little, apart from a shot

ent may yet prove to be too clever for this company.

LEYTON ORBENT (3-5-2): S Baneti — O Smith, M Joseph, R Joseph — T Richards (sub* O Morrson, 76mm), W Walschaene, M Ling, K Ampadu, M Lockwood — C Griffiths (sub* A Inglethorpe, 87), A Simba (sub*: S Waltis, 82).
ROCHDALE (3-5-2): N Edwards — M Monington, A Famel, D Baylis — P Carden, G Stoker, J Lydiese, J Pelke, A Bartow (sub*: M Shuert, 62) — R Painter (sub*: G Lancashire, 70), A Morris.

familiar territory for the Lancas-trians, who have been mere pawns in

league football for a generation, stuck

in the bottom division for 25 consec-

utive seasons - by far the longest

period among clubs at that level. Ori-

had only parried a shot by Falkirk's hopes of grabbing a second equaliser were thwarted when Klos were thwarted when Klos denied James late on.

RANGERS (3-5-2): 5 Nos — S Ponni, L Amoruso, A Vidmer (sub: G Amato, 65rm) — A Karchetskas, B Ferguson, G van Bronchorst, J Albertz, N McCarn (sub: S Wisson, 85) — S Gulvarc'h (satr J Johanseon, 50), R Walkece.

FALIGRIK (3-5-2). P Naghers — D Sindskr, I den Bennan, K James — M Compan, O Moss, S Crabbe (sub: G Hulchison, 85), S McKenzie. J NoCoulison — M Kelth, K MoAllister.

Referenc: J Rowbotham.

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Proud Wales revive glory days A QUITE remarkable garne and a staggering result, one of the follows the

A QUITE remarkable game and a staggering result, one that puts the smile back on the face of a team and should galvanise a nation. This was one of the great matches in the history of the Five Nations Championship, one from which the BBC would make a small fortune should it release a video of the contest this

This was special because it was so unexpected and because of the manner by which it was achieved - by a side and a coach under extreme pressure in the most inomidating of arenas. France had not losi in the championship for three years and had harboured hopes of a triple grand slam to end the millennium.

li was a game of breathtaking quality, played, in the first half at least, at bewildering pace, it included seven tries and, finingly, ended on a note of high drama as a last-minute penalty goal anempt by Thomas Castaignede, which would have won the match for France, drifted wide. When Jim Fleming, the Scottish referee, blew the final whistle mmments later, the Welsh celebrations began. Some cried, while others were just stunned by the scale of their achievement, for Wales had not won in Paris since 1975.

Graham Henry, the Wales coach, who admitted having a word with the Almighty as Casiaignède prepared to try to repeat his match-winning heroics from Dublin, must pray too that, in the long term. this result brings administrators to their senses and ends petty squabbles and feuds. Cardiff and Swansea can play their part in healing a fractured rugby country by set-tling their differences with the Welsh Rugby Union. It would be madness not to grasp the opportunity and build on the progress made by Henry. With Wales A and the under-21s also winning, it was

a weekend to remember. Henry has every right to feel vindicated, but he is not the type to score points. He had advocated a bold approach. but nobody, not even the New Zealander himself, could have anticipated the epic that un-folded. The rush and elan with which Wales took the

Penalty goal: N Jeniuns



game to a France side who. perhaps, were guilty of early complacency, was quite aston-

more composure, greater awareness and some genuine pace on the left wing. Wales could have scored at least three more tries in a scarcely believable first half. in which points were racked up at the rate of more than one a minute. What also marked this performance was how the Welsh came back after conceding scores, and the lead, as fortunes ebbed and Henry confessed that this

was the highlight of his career. but, in the moment of his great-est triumph, he made it clear that this was only a beginning.
"We may have been bit fortunate in the end, but we should have beaten South Africa, so there's swings and roundabouts. Sometimes you pull it off and sometimes you don't. It was our turn today. I wondered whether we would

get one.
"We've scaled our Everest, but there are a lot more moun-tains to climb before we are compenove in world rugby. Fitness levels are not high enough, which showed in the second half when we started to lose ball in the tackle and didn't get players in support quick enough, but it's a good start. It gives us some foundations and some confidence."

The building blocks were put in place by a heroic front row, where Ben Evans made a huge impression in the oght and loose. The lineout, too. was vastly improved. The solid platform gave Neil Jenkins. lying flat, vital ome, which, in turn, enabled him to create space for Scott Gibbs, Mark Taylor and, in particular,

ute SECOND HALF Score

Try: Ntamack Con: Castaignede 25 - 28

HOW IT UNFOLDED AT STADE DE FRANCE

WALES: Trest: Charvis, James, C Quinnell, Conversions: N Jenkins 5.
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Neil Jenkins, of Wales, hugs Evans after the memorable defeat of France, while Comba, right, shows his dejection

Shane Howarth with a succession of cut-out passes. Jenkins could even afford to miss four successive penalty kicks, but he converted five - the last of which secured victory. He, too, is thriving on Henry's influence and has probably never made more individual breaks in an international.

"We have had a bit of a slaong, but we always knev we could play rugby," Jenkins said. "We showed against one of the best sides in Europe. maybe the world, that we can play rugby. I just hope people get behind us and accept what we are trying to do."

France were not helped by the loss of Richard Dourthe, who dislocated his shoulder after five minutes, an injury that will keep him out of the remainder of the championship. It forced a realignment, with David Aucagne coming on at fly half with Castaignède

moving inside. While they looked dangerous going forward - Comba. in particular - they looked vulnerable defensively in midfield, where Gibbs was a tower of strength, on one occasion ripping the ball from Comba in the tackle and setting in motion the move that led to a try by Dafydd James. Pierre

Villepreux, the France assistant coach, said that mentally Wales got their game plan right. He will point also to the ease with which Wales broke the gain line.

He said: "The Welsh team at

collective game in the Five Nations." His solace will be the performance of Emile Nramack at full back, who scored a har-trick of tries, by Ibañez that brought France to within three points in the second half. albeit that Matthew Robinson

On another day, Wales would have crumbled, but not on Saturday, when a team stood up, looked collectively in



gifted him one, while his third

Ntamack evades Taylor to secure the last of his three tries for France oo Saturday

plot with songs of praise

where the red colours of Wales had amassed in thicker numbers than elsewhere, the congregation — for they are truly faithful followers — broke into song. This was when Neil Jenkins kicked his fourth penalty of the afternoon to take Wales into the lead once again at 31-28. They were singing Hymns and Ari-as and Cwm Rhondda and perhaps it was appropriate that in a match of twists, turns and rolls of the dice, they sang them both together, although the two songs merged incon-

Welsh rugby being a chancy business these days. the dice were to roll a few times more, benefiting one side then the other, before Wales could finally claim the victory that was, without sentiment, rightfully theirs.

This was a great game of rugby, highlighting, as if it were ever needed, what an extraordinary tournament is the Five Nations Championship. Nothing can ever be taken for granted. No one, except for those who wear their hearts permanently and unashamedly on their sleeves — and even some of them were in doubt had held much hope of Welsh success. Damage limitation was about as optimistic an opinion as you were likely to get before the

But boldness is. what Graham Henry, the Wales coach, had asked of his players. Boldness is what he got. Flair and audacity is what is expected France. This wates matched them.

Sure, there had been sporadic moments in both their previous matches during which Wales had displayed a collec-Pierre Villepreux, the France assistant coach, to say beforehand - and to which he was to repeat after the game that Wales were likely to prove to be their strongest opponents in the championship.

It says a great deal about Henry's persuasive abilities that, despite his team's previous failures, be has convinced his players to cootinue to pursue their course of bold and imaginative rugby. As Villepreux further observed. no Frenchman ever expected to see Jenkins, the Wales fly half, running from his own 22 metre line. This Jenkins did

himself or passed on to others Gibbs, Taylor or Howarth to do likewise. If Castaignede had his moment in the sun at Wembley last year in the corresponding

fixture, then Jenkins, this

time, weot a good deal of the

GERALD DAVIES

At Stade de France

Wilkin

way to getting his own back, in front of a crowd of 79,000 which was a couple of thousaod more paying spectators than for the football World Cup. Jenkins had his best game by far for his country, even if it was inversely to the way we might have expected. He missed four consecutive penalty chances, which is un-heard of for him, but he was able to break clear of France's first line of defence three times in a way that no one. having seen bis previous per-formances, might have contemplated. His Pontypridd followers knew better.

After so moch that has been barren, the victory was

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satisfying, of course, but it was the manner in achieved that was so stimulating. There can hardly have been a more pulsaring 40 minutes in the history of the championship than this first half. Both. France

and Wales were in attacking overdrive, defending one moment then attacking the other's line in the next. There were 31 points on utes, yet other chances for both teams had come and gone which might easily have added to them.

"Our players did not have enough fear of the Welsh." Jean-Claude Skrela, the France coach, said, "However much our coaches said to them that Wales were our strongest opponents, i do not think our players truly be-lieved us. if France are to perform well, we need to fear our onDonents "

casion. To think where they have been this season, and the lowering feelings they have harboured in defeat, this was a majestic performance. To have beaten France at their own running game and to do so in Paris against all the odds made this a Wales performance to rank with the

For Wales, it was a great oc-

Peters suffers the pain of Italy's frustration

BY ALASOAIR REIO

THE first rush of blood was to Massimo Giovanelli's head, the second down Eric Peters's face. The Italy flank forward brought his boot crashing down on the grounded Scotland player's right temple, his moment of madness in the 73rd minute fully meriting the red card shown to him by Robert Davies, the referee. As Giovanelli walked off, he was followed by Peters, red rivulets barely masking the look of Scotland captain's features.

It was the ugliest image of an ugly match in which the inevitability of Giovanelli's offence was al-

most as alarming as its consequence. Italy had been thwarted by the Scotland defence and their own limitations in the brief period, shortly after the interval, when they managed to sustain pressure near the Scotland line. Having failed to draw blood in the metaphorical sense, the creeping frustration that soon brought yellow cards for two of their players made it all the more likely that they would do so in the literal sense instead.

That Georges Coste, the Italy coach, tried later to defend his player by referring to the leniency shown recently to Martin Johnson was both absurd and irrelevant. However, Coste probably did Scotland a favour by emphasising their moral authority in the post-match exchanges. Authority of any other sort had been noticeably absent

from anything else that Scotland did, which is not to say that they did not deserve their win, or even that the margin flattered them; rather that they were far less impressive in achieving it than they had been in recent games.

Indeed, it was as if they were holding something back, which

Results and tables.

was understandable, not only because they face Ireland in the Favie Nations Championship in a forinight's time but also because the limitations of Italy presented a licence for self-restraint. Perversely, had Italy not resorted to brutality. theirs would have been a thoroughly forgettable performance.

Only in its opening quarter did the occasion rise above the humdrum. The first 16 minutes of fullthrottle rugby produced four tries, two for each side, and promised a match of vivid colour ahead. Gradually, it slipped into dreary monochrome instead.

Srill, it had been good while it lasted. Only 68sec had passed when Kenny Logan finished a move, initiated by a steepling kick by Gregor Townsend and sustained by slick passing across the midfely slick passing across the midfield, by arcing behind the posts for the first try.

Martin responded for Italy six minutes later, but Scotland wasted bute ome in regaining their advantage. Cameron Murray crossing

Logan added a couple of penal-ries to the one that he had landed in

the twelfth minute, although he also sent three relatively straightforward efforts past the posts.

SCORERS: Scotland: Tries: Logan (2mn), C Muray (9), Townserd (82) Conversions: Logan 3 Peratry goets: Logan 3 (12, 38, 70), Italy: Tries: Martin 2 (8, 18) Conversions: Domoguez SCORING SEQUENCE (Scotland first) 7-0, 7-7, 14-7, 17-7, 17-12, 20-12 (scil-time), 27-12, 30-12 14-7, 17-7, 17-12, 20-12 (helf-arrel), 27-12, 30-12 SCOTLAND: G Nettestie (Glasgow Caledomansi, C Misray (Ecohoury) Revers), A 781 (Ecohoury) Rovers, rep. S Lorrgatett, Glasgow Caledonassi, Carmy, J Lesfie (Sanidi, K Logan (Wasps), G Townsend (Brve), I Fahrley (Edinburgh Revers, rep. G Burns, Edinburgh Revers, 42), T Smith Glasgow Caledonarsis rep D Histon, Bath, 79), G Bufloch (Glasgow Caledonarsis; P Burnal (London Scotlich), S Misray (Bedford), S Grisses (Glasgow Caledonarsis; P Burnal (London Scotlich), S Misray (Bedford), S Grisses (Glasgow Caledonarsis), P Waston (Newcasde Fatoris), M Lesfie (Edinburgh Revers), E Peters (Bath, rep. A Pounthey), Northampton, 73), ITALY: J Partille (Roma), F Rosedti (Forna), C Stoica (Nationne), L Martin (Padova), 10 Dullan (Treviso), D Dominguaz (Stade Français), A Moscandi (Treviso), F Properdi (Treviso), W Cristofoletin (Previso), Properdi (Treviso), W Cristofoletin (Previso), Properdi (Treviso), W Cristofoletin (Previso), Properdi (Treviso), C Cheochinato (Treviso), Properdi (Treviso), C Cheochinato (Treviso), Properdi (Treviso), Pontagen (Natorne, Pontagen), Pontagen (Matorne, Pontagen), Pantagen (Matorne, Pontagen), Pantagen, Pantagen

England's women deny Irish any consolation

England By KARL JOHNSTON

THERE was to be no consolation for the defeat at Lansdowne Road at Stradbrook yesterday, where treland's women rugby players suffered an embarrassing rout by a talented England team that ran in ten tries. The Ireland supporters can be relieved only that England's allround excellence was not matched by their goalkicking.

There were no weak links in the

England side. Their mobile pack was able to lay on a stream of possession and, with Jo Yapp and Sue Appleby calling the shots with

authority at half back, Ireland's defence was stretched constantly by the incisive running of the England threequarters. The lineout was also a disaster area for Ireland, so much so that kicking to touch was tantamount to handing possession over to England.

England were out of sight at the end of the first quarter, when Nicky Crawford had scored two tries and Chris Diver, Sue Day and Jo Yapp had also crossed. The second half was equally shattering for the beleaguered Irish, as England ran in a further five tries, courtesy of Day. with two, Nicky Ponsford, Jayne Molyneux and Teresa O'Reilly.

SCORERS: England: Tries: N Criswlord 2 (2; C Diver (18): S Day 3 (19, 46, 74), J yapp (3): Ponetord (45), J Molyneux: (53): T O'Relly (7) Conversions: T Collins, V Husford, C Figst

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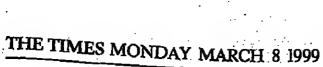
This is the circumference of an international rugby hooker's neck.

Keith Wood is the Harlequins, Ireland and British Lions hooker, He can run the 100 metres in 12 seconds. whis neck can support the weight of eightynen. Which explains why it needs to be & inches in circumference.



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Five Nations Championship: Midfield shows fierce resolve as Woodward goes back to basics



Wilkinson brandishes sword to proclaim new England iron age

FROM DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN DUBLIN

WHEN England regroup next week to prepare for their meeting with humbled France, Clive Woodward will remind his players of the moment at Landowne Road on Saturday when the game — and possibly the championship - might have swung away from them. That is what coaches do, although, in this instance, England have taken the lesson to heart already.

Conor O'Shea was within inches of a try that, with the would have brought Ireland to within a point at a time when their tide was running furiously high. The full back failed to score because of the utier commitment and organisation in defence that ran like an iron while other parts of their game - show he has a huge future."

A fortnight earlier, against Scotland, the defence in midfield was confused; over the past week, Phil Larder, the former rugby league, coach. who now works regularly with England and Leicester - the meanest defenders in the Allied Dunbar Premiership has worked daily with the midfield trio of Grayson, Wilkinson and Guscott and the results were plain to see for the 49,000 who watched Ireland's vaulting hopes slip beneath the waves.

If you enjoy seminal seconds in sport. Wilkinson's tackle on

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Keith Wood in full stride was one such, telling Ireland's icon that this was not to be his day. You do not often hear coaches skies, but Warren Gatland, of Ireland, was in no doubt. "England have found a player for the future," he said of Wilkin-son. "For a 19-year-old, his streak through England, even composure, his goalkicking,

points with his boot, came within reaching distance of the tryline in the closing stages as England hammered down the coffin lid and provided the superb, floating pass in the first half from which Matt Perry scored. "The ball from Jonny just sat up in the wind and I was able to take O'Shea on a

different line," Perry said. Wilkinson himself was far more satisfied with the self-assertion that he had shown on his first visit to Dublin in the Five Nations Championship, sponsored by Lloyds TSB, but England as a whole had reanot worry if their workmanlike virtues lost something in translation after the nip-andtuck of events in Paris; it is they who stand at the head of the championship table, they alone who can gather a triple crown or a grand slam.

That they found ways of conceding 22 penalties, the bulk of them for offside and playing the ball on the ground, is a source for concern, but their overall discipline was much improved and they can even disregard the yellow card shown to Martin Johnson for a shoulder charge into an opponent's back -- which Paddy O'Brien, the referee, described as "innocuous". Consideration was given to citing

led by example. It says something of the tac-tics that England have explored in the past that the mid-

erill's head, which earned the

briefest of debut caps for Neil

McCarthy, of Gloucester, but

no further action will be taken.

ance since I took over as

coach," Woodward said in the

first flush of enthusiasm. The

important factor for Wood-

ward was that it came away

from home, against an Ireland

side full of confidence and

well-blessed with talent; it also

explored the character within the side, the ability to shrug off

a disappointing display and

concentrate on the next task,

in which Lawrence Dallaglio

"That was the best perform-

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40	Pen: Humphreys		80	Try: Rodber Con: Wilkinson	
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Mar 6: Ireland 15 France 37,
France 33 Wales 24.

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dle five were far more definitive in their actions, with Dallaglio sticking to the role of No 8, rather than moving back and forth between the blind-side flank and No 8.

"It does give you control of the decision-making process," Dallaglio said. Richard Hill, that exemplary footballer, has the ability to play off either flank, anyway, and Kyran Bracken, m what amounts to his natal town, knew precisely where he was. The scrum half kept Ire-

land's back row honest, as they say in New Zealand, throughout the game and left Grayson to exert the tactical control. There were moments of confusion for England, ball in hand, during the first half, but down the wind Grayson played well and his chasers forced O'Shea to surrender the lineout advantage. Here, again, England were prepared to attack the Ireland throw. stealing a couple of balls and

share of set-piece possession. That they could do little with it says much for England's ag-gressive defence. "They went back to a more basic game," Gatland said. They know

how to do it and they are very

good at it." For all Woodward's ambitions for his team, it is no bad thing to build on a game that comes naturally to the English. They imposed themselves to such an extent that Ireland's space was closed down and Victor Costello was wrapped

up as he charged from No 8.

True, England should have made far more of their dominance into the cold wind (less of a factor than it might have been) during the first quarter. Even allowing for fashion, there are other things to do with penalties close to the opposing line other than kick them to the corner for a lineout. Other, better sides will bunish them for their failure to convert territory into points and it came as a relief to see the swift hands of the backs capitalise on Rodber's forceful run into midfield before Perry

scored the first try. Grayson's dropped came from a patient build-up before Humphreys briefly re-stored Ireland's lead with his fourth penalty goal. Yet the nerveless Wilkinson,

who missed only once during the afternoon, extracted maxioffended in the tackle and, in injury time, Rodber barged

Muscle and flair provide day of drama

ship matches offered on Saturday. A glorious victory for Wales in Paris. against a France side who must be starting to wonder when their form is going to arfought slog in Duhlin, where England emerged as victors against a gallant, but, in the end, out-muscled Irish side. England were always going

to win. Right from the outset, they strangled the Irish into submission. The forwards took control up front and in the end they did not let any of the much talked-about Irish passion flow. They took the Irish forwards on and, in doing so, struck at the heart of their strength and tore it down. Ireland hardly looked like scoring all afternoon, apart from the continuous flow of penalties from the whistle of Paddy O'Brien.

There was one worrying factor in this performance for England. They had so much possession and field position. yet still could not put Ireland away until the last five minutes. Having said that, one got the impression that, to their credit, Ireland were simply hanging on.

There were many heroes for England, most wearing numbers in single figures. The tight five, Johnson and Rod-ber, in particular, speared into the opposition. The front row not only controlled the scrum but also did their fair share of tackling and carrying of the ball when required.

The back row played well, with Dallaglio probably the pick, mainly because this was his type of game rather than the more open affair favoured by Hill and Back. It was good to see him carrying the ball, where he is at his best.

Kyran Bracken at scrum half was, for me, the dominant figure. He made correct decisions continually and showed great strength and determination when he decided to attack himself. His service to the backs was swift and sure, interrupted only by big forwards annoyingly getting in between him and Grayson. The decision-making of the

two English half backs was so much bealthier than it had ben against Scotland. It was not burning-the-grass running rugby, but it was not the day to be throwing the ball around. They made the right decisions to win, even if it wasn't pleasing to the eye.

The best player in the English back line was Jonny Wilkinson. He was born with that England jersey on his back, or so it seems, because he plays like he has been in the team forever. I know, now,





why he is not at fly half. If he tackles like that, he would not be allowed into the No 10 club. He continually puts higger and supposedly harden men not only down, but backwards. One memorable tackle on a runaway Keith Wood would have made any world

class flanker happy.

He created the first Eng land try with a wonderful pass and the responsibility of goalkicking appears to be no chore. He is going to be in the white shirt for a long time.

I felt the performance of Matt Perry at full back was sound, but he retains the tendency to make some strange decisions when he has time to think. He needs to take the safety approach first of putting the ball up and chasing. After doing this a few times, the opportunity to counter with the ball will come.

The encounter in Paris was the type of game that makes you get up and out of your seat and move closer to the television. I was enthralled with this contest and by the end I was all of six inches away from the screen.

The Quinnell brothers. along with Colin Charvis, tore into the French. Neil Jenkins found himself in wide-open space that he normally lets othpeople explore and Shan Howarth provided some real slice from the back.

It was a great Wales performance, very similar to the massive effort they produced against South Africa last year. only this time they had the belief to go on and finish the job.

It has been so long since they won in France that they didn't seem to know who to hug, where to run or what to do when the final whistle was blown at the end. If they keep playing like this, they will have many more opportunities to hone their post-match

Wood chopped down to size as Irish sing blues



ball after a tackle by Guscott

here was a deep, resonant longing within Irish voices that accompanied the half-time ballad in Dublin. Their green-clad warriors trailed England by a barely perceptible margin. They had hardly a whiff of the ball, but their nostrils still flared with the scent of victory. Yet the heart of the song was to tell of Ireland's profound disappointment at the final rites. "Our love is on the wing. We had dreams, and songs to sing. It's so lonely in the fields of Athenry."

Lansdowne Road was a lonely place for the bulk of the 49,000 present, many of whom had paid handsomely to witness the new dawn. Ireland had all but roasted French sang-froid; had then overrun Wales to herald the prospect of a first triple crown in 14 years. Here before them stood a vulnerable England team that had made three significant changes to counter the fire of Ireland.

Yet the flame that burnt like a beacon of hope proved to be no more than a flickering illusion. Im-ages of the wreckage lay scattered all over the field. It showed in the dejection of Victor Costello, the abrasive No 8, whose anonymous presence was highlighted only when he gave way to Eric Miller in the second half. It showed in the impotence of David Humphreys, whose intention to bombard the England defence was hijacked for his lack of the ball in hand.

Above all, it was evident in the display of Keith Wood, the talismanie hooker. If Wood is Ireland's totem, England hacked him down like a tribe of cut-throats. Rarely could he break the first tackle, his presence fading eventually against the massed English ranks. So complete was his eclipse that

he was stopped clean in his tracks by Jonny Wilkinson. Then followed the final act of humiliation: a charging Wood caught, enveloped and

Julian Muscat reports on how the hopes and ambitions of Ireland's supporters were broken by a rampant England pack

dispatched into retreat by a rampant English pack.
His predicament was exacerbated by his regular failure to hit his men at the lineout. As England discovered to their cost against Scotland, poor ball from the lineout smothers adventurism. Ireland were thus constricted - much to the chagrin of their supporters. who, on their way to the ground, had breezed past a billboard

proclaiming free sex in exchange for a ticket. It was the first of many had deci-sions from Celts who would endure a wretched afternoon. To witness their dejection was to understand how deep-rooted was their conviction as they sang and danced their way out of the city centre three hours earlier. To be sure, this was no sentimental journey. The sub-stance to their perceived revival was such that the best seats were changing hands at record prices. In the end, the old adage rang true: an expectant Ireland never bites like the underdog. In stark contrast, evidence of England's spirit positively haunted the old stadium.

Richard Cockerill, England's feudal hooker, proved the fulcrum for the front five in an enclave of the scrum where little is seen and even less said. It was somehow symptomatic of his influence that Ireland came closest to scoring in the minute that Cockerill was sidelined for treatment to a head wound.

These scars of battle prompted Cockerill to jig the length of the touchline after the decisive late try by Tim Rodber. Cockerili plainly ikes the sound of his own chimes, but Lawrence Dallaglio, the England captain, was the loudest voice

within England's dominance.

Dallaglio, who bore the brunt of criticism for England's tame showing against Scotland, stood like a lighthouse in the storm around him. He was a colossus, his leadership by deed amplifying just how Wood had fallen short for Ireland. "I have come to learn that I take

the flak when the team plays bad-" he said after being voted man of the match. He savoured his switch from the flank to the back of the scrum at No 8. "In that position, you have control of the decision-making process," he said. "I felt that variety was there throughout the game, which we lacked against Scotland."

An emphatic defeat rammed

home the uncomfortable fact that Ireland were outclassed at a time when equality with England seemed to beckon. Instead, France's defeat by Wales on Saturday put into perspective Ireland's last-gasp defeat by France in Dub-lin last month, for the French ap-

pear to be in decline. Furthermore, Ireland's victory over Wales fits more conveniently with their successful history against that nation than any nascent parity with the might of northern hemisphere rugby. Their laboured efforts were too stereotyped, too one-dimensional, to trouble the English juggernaut.

As for the expectant Dublin hordes, the dreams and songs promised by that half-time ballad dissolved into the more familiar refrain within the lyrics of Molly Malone. "And cockles and mussels, alive, alive-O." They may have been alive at the end of it, but for once, they did not savour the experience.



a joke against myself, but this goes too far ... the archetypal school teacher's words suit Formula One motor racing to a tee. Yes, Formula One is back and funnier than ever. The shame of it is that no one involved in the

sport can see how funny it is. Any sport, surely any other sport in the calendar that began with the world champions accidentally pulling the roof down on top of their own heads, would see that there was something faintly amusing about the business. Butno. not Formula Onc.

And surely television, if covering any sport other than Formula One, found itself with

am the first person to see screeching out of the garage with an air hose still attached to it, pulling down the overhead gantry, which laid out the team boss, Ron Dennis, and two or three members of the pit crew - would have replayed it as often as a sequence of the elephant running a mock in the Blue Peter studio.

But no. no point. We were given a brief glimpse of this gorgeous Keysione Cop sequence and then we had a learned comment from Martin Brundle: "McLaren are very professional." It somehow didn't quite cover the situarion. So he chanted on about "some slight clutch gremlin" while the roof was caving in

Oh, it was delicious stuff. And then, after the parade lap. we had a splendid bit of synchronised spontaneous combustion as two cars genteelly burst into clouds of smoke and had to be dragged off. And, as if that was not rich enough, Michael Schumacher stalled his car again.

Which is exactly what he did in the last race of last season, when he might have won the world championship, but lost his chance by stalling at the lights. Schumacher seems to have a problem with this. No one - or 10 be accurate, no one inside the sport of Formula One - has ever so much as suggested that the problem might be with Schumacher. No one dares. For the same



reason, no insider dares to think that Formula One could possibly be funny. And the television coverage traditionally defers to the sport's apocalyp-

tic view of its own importance. There were people popping in and out of garage doors as if this were an automotive version of a Feydeau farce, but no one even noticed that it was

amusing.
Instead, there seemed to be

narrative of the race was made still more confusing by the fast inter-cutting from one car to the next: the policy was to fill the screen with colour and noise and damn the logic of

This aspect of the coverage was dreadful. Meanwhile, one significant incident after another was missed: Schumacher's various charges from the back of the field. Barichello's overtaking manoeuvre — they cut away from him just a few seconds before it happened.

time: adding to, rather than sorting out the quite extraordi-The theme of farce continued: Zonta failing to give way to the race leader because he In fact, the race had lost all apparently didn't know the rules: Schumacher cruising in its logic long before the start

and the tangled and tortuous for a pit stop, finding his pil crew not expecting him and so driving on: Villeneuve with bits of stuff falling off his car.

And, of course, the McLarens. The McLarens were expected to carry all before them. but they flopped out, one after the other. Walker ended the race in absolute ecstasies, but then he ends every race in ab-solute ecstasies. "And if the rest are as good as this, there is lots of excitement and drama to come."

Precisely. Not great sport, not really sport at all, but For-mula One gives us plenty of excitement and drama, not excepting that dramatic form known as farce.

Formula One has become a different kind of sporting enter-

tainment. Television is always inventing new forms - such as, for instance, the docu-soap - and if Formula One is not sport in any exacting sense of the term, it is a wonderful and intermittently hilarious form of television.

Yet television insists on pofaced seriousness, as if it was covering a Papal election the same reverent gasp when-ever a puff of smoke is to be seen. That bit when the car pulled the roof down was the funniest bit of sporting television this year. To show it only once when we get a replay every time a player punches the air was little short of criminal. Alas, we shall have to wait five weeks for the next exciting episode of sport's own docu-soap.

'It's a fact he'll fall in three. The world ain't run by big people; it's run by smart guys'

in the commentary box, with

Brundle daringly and rashly

going wheel-to-wheel with Murray Walker. Frequently.

the two of them were shouting

contradictory things at the top

of their voices at the same

nary confusion of the race.

Holyfield trains in the art of pain

f Lennox Lewis considers himself to be the toughest of Evander Holyfield's opponents. Holyfield sees Lewis as his easiest. In an interview with The Sunday Times last November, Holyfield graded his opponents in elementary mathematics terms: Riddick Bowe, the most difficult, was algebra. Lewis is not even addition. He is as simple as counting up to three, for the round in which the bout for the undisputed world heavyweight championship will end here in New York on Saturday, and up to ten for the

knockout.
The World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation champion is as certain as his belief in God that the bout will not 45-minute talk in his gym in Houston. Texas, known as the House of Pain, he left me despondent about the prospects of the world heavyweight title coming back to

Admittedly, it was only talk, but the conviction with which he held his view made you imagine, in spite of your better judgment, that the bout was one between man and boy. Even Holyfield's polite and relaxed manner carried a hint of menace. He said: "Talk for as long as you like. I've got all the tune in the world. Because I want you to tell the people in England that you spoke to the Real Deal

and he fold you the real deal." He denied that his vehemence was the result of Lewis calling him a hypocrate because he preached the word nl God and fathered children out of wedlock, even after his latest marriage Clearly, through, Lewis had got under Holyfield's skin, lor, as he expounded on his opponent, he became more and more animated.

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Missing

the point

Sir, Uread with interest the let-

ier from Roh Edgerton (March I) evtolling the virtues

of Messrs Farrell, Connolly,

Radlinski, Robinson and Newlove. While agreeing they are

quality rugby league players. I

tear that he, along with many

rughy union followers, misses

cause they have grown up

playing a code that encourage-

es running, handling and de-

lensive skills that have been

undervalued (until recently) in

rugby union. From 1895, when

the game began to evolve, ad-

ministrators and lawmakers

have sought to make rugby

league attractive. To this end,

the reduction from 15 players

to 13, the abolition of the

lineout and the addition of the

play-the-hall rule have

In conclusion, the players

mentioned are playing the

"right" code. It is Mr Edgerton

and friends who should

change codes in a sport that re-

wards running, handling, tack-

ling and kicking skills.

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Yours faithfully. GEOFF WALTERS.

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They are good players be-

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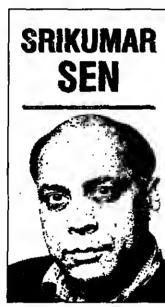
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fall in three. I'm not the type of person who says something he can't do," Holyfield said. "All my life I've said don't say things that will embarrass you, but as I grow old the is 361. I realise what I can do and what I cannot do.

"When people say: 'Why are you stepping out?' -- I say: 'Is it wrong for a man to grow? I'm not doing it for hype, or publicity, or to get attention. I don't need these things. What Lewis said did not affect me. I've been cating good before Lennox. They've talked about me all my life, when I was poor and now when I'm wealthy."

Holyfield was more annoyed with Lewis's claim that, for the past two years, he had been avoiding the World Boxing Council champion, Lewis, he said, must have been aware that the contest had not been made because promoters and managers got in the way, not because Holyfield was



things that can come back on you one day." Holyfield said. "Lennox overflowed himself, telling people Americans were avoiding him. He embarrassed the whole world, saying I ducked him.

Now the time has come, all he can say is: 'I'm bigger than him.' Bring something more to the table. like being more skilful. The world ain't run by big people: it's run by smart guys. The word of God says we all have to go through our trials to become the person we are. He is coming to his trial and will he be able to say be's a man? Unfortunately, no.

"I'm not going to make it easy for him. I'm going to put it on him. He needs to be able to chalk up his defeat and tell his family it was good not to duck anybody." It was typical of the contrary na-

ture of hoxing, he said, that while in the Land of Love, the resort in

the Pocono Mountains where Lewis trains, Lewis suffered the pain of drudgery: Holyfield's House of Pain turned out to be a place of love, of God and boxing. 11 was a joy for Holyfield to come to work because it gave him the

chance to pray. Unlike most boxers, who run in the early hours and train in the evening. Holyfield works in reverse order, starting at 5.30am. The move is a clever one because it keeps the watchers down to a manaucable number. "He doesn't like to turn people away," an admirer

her 30 minutes of muscle-stretching. followed by prayers, the hall reverberated to the sounds of gospel music as Holyfield went to work. "If you can incorporate prayer in everything that you do, you benefit more. So I get my confi-

dence from God, not from my fists," he said. "I need my confidence to override what this guy's going to do to me, so I pray and pray. I place my faith in God. We know that our thinking ability allows our body to move and if we didn't have the spirit to think, then we wouldn't be able to do anything. My body just does what my mind tells it to and my mind is

Muscle man: Holyfield works out in the House of Pain, his objective to lift the unified world heavyweight crown by fulfilling his promise to knock out Lewis

moved by the spirit of God." Holyfield spars every other day and this was reserved only for workout. His regime for arm and leg strengthening has been scientifically worked out by Tim Hall-mark, a sports medicine expert. Holyfield was strapped, body arms and ankles to a contraption that appeared to have come form the London Dungeon called a Centreforce and he was made to go through the routine of boxing against the resisting springs. But worse was to come. First, he had to kick a medicine ball back into the hands of Hallmark, standing 15 feet away. After three rounds of "football", it was time to play catch. The medicine ball was thrown back and forth between him and Hallmark and, at the same time, he had to move forward throwing combinations. The exercise became more and more strenuous as the clastic bands and springs were stretched to the maximum and, still, Holyfield had to

work against them. The champion explained after-wards that the aim was to strengthen his legs and, when released from the constraints of that contraption, to find speed of action. "I believe in being absolutely fit." he said, "because otherwise I

would not be able to follow the instructions of my corner in a fight." He added that he considered his whole career as preparation for the contest, which was the most im-

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portant of his life as it would enable him to retire as undisputed champion.

"I'm one of those people who has watched Lennox way before this fight was made. I watch all the people I might have to fight one day," Holyfield said. "Lennox was one of the guys I watched because he was in the Olympics like me and he was a talented kid and I knew he would surface. So, I watched him a lot. I've seen all his fights and I know exactly what to expect."

Holyfield said that he owed it to boxing to leave the division a unified title when he retired. "I want to put things in order," he said. "If you clean up the kitchen and you don't do the sink, you ain't done your job and your momma is going to give you a good whipping. I don't want a whipping from my momma, so I'm going to give it to Lennox. When the job is over, the Lord will say: 'Well done.' "

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SPORTS LETTERS

Service delivered with a smile

Sir, John Hopkins's account of Andersen Consulting Maicholay Tournament was a study in British snobbery. His suggestion that we in America not understand matchplay is ludicrous. Would he be surprised to learn that matchplay is standard fare in thousands of local tournaments all over the country every year?

From Mr Kim Pereira

So sume people don't under-stand all the rules. So what? Even the players don't understand all the rules of golf. How many of you in England can describe the lbw rule in crickei? Or a googly? Or a Chinaman (remember Sobers'll? Mr Hopkins says that cricket is a mystery to us. Do any of you sipping lea in the pavilion know haseball? Ever heard of the infield fly rule? What's the difference between a triple and

a triple play. Perhaps Mr Hopkins is upset that no European made it past the early rounds the English players, of course, couldn't handle the "easy course" at alli. Yours smeerely KIM PEREIRA. RR 20. Box 216. Bloomington. Illinois 61701,

From Mr Brin Hodge Sir. Isn't it about time that the second service was abolished in first-class tennis? The odds

United States.

From Mr Dennis Holes Sir. Last Sunday, while watching the men's singles final between Richard Krajicek and Greg Rusedski in the Guardian Direct Cup at Bancrsea. I was reminded of a first-round match in 1961 at the Palace Hotel (Torquay) coveredcourts tournament in which I was drawn against top-seeded Mike Sangster (of fond memoryl. This was the year in which Mike was a semi-finalist in both the Wimbledon and the United States championships.

I lost the first set 6-1, repeatedly falling victim to Sangster's immensely powerful and accurate services. In the third game of the second set, with a grin across the net to Sangster, the score

would still be in the server's fa-

standing at 40-love. I placed a ball just inside the service court at the junction of the centre and service lines - and silently challenged

Sangster to hit it. Sangster took another ball and, like an archer at the butts, sent across a sizzling service that connected squarely with its tiny target to send it skidding off the court. When the applause died down, Sangster went on to take the set 6-1 for the match.

Yours faithfully. DENNIS HALES.

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vour - particularly in the men's game - but the receiver would have more of a chance, because the server would have to weigh up the possibilities of accuracy versus speed." Whoever heard of a golfer gening a second attempt if his first tee-shot ended up in the rough? Yours faithfully, BRIN HODGE. 42 Windmill Avenue. Wokingham RG4l 3XD.

From Mr Richard Walker Sir. As one who watches his rupby from the Crumbie Stand at Welford Road, I read the assertion, made in your pages on March I, that Martin Johnson may be a marked man with interest but very lit-

tle surprise. I am also unsurprised by the vehemence of comments by your correspondents regarding the rucking incident involving the Leicester captain in the recent Calcutta Cup match.

While not wholly subscribing to the conspiracy theories against Leicester, il is hard not to draw certain conclusions from some of the extraordinary refereeing decisions, vitriolic remarks in the press and the hypocrisy of certain players, former players and coaches in their comments aimed at our club. The only explanation can be that it is an example of the petty jealousies permeating the game in

However, it is not my inten-

tion to dignify those jealous-

ies, nor to justify ourselves by addressing them. I merely wish to point out that amid the fractious back-biting. squabbling and posturing of self-serving administrators. the desperate scramble of clubs for resources to pay their excessive wage bills and the rank incompetence of irresponsible officials, one factor remains constant: the regular attendances above 10,000 at Welford Road which put to shame the kind of paltry support I experienced rattling around in the sterile, soulless Madejski Stadium last month. Yours faithfully.

RICHARD WALKER. 26 West End. Welford. Northants NN6 6HJ.

Going on to the offensive

From Mr David Compton Sir, I note your report ["Racial disputes blight South African cricket"]. Whilst accepting that some cricketing terms might give offence, let us hope that the game's unique terminology should not fall prey to exces-

sive sensitivity. Calling fielders "short leg" or "silly mid-off" will never. I hope, cause distress to the players concerned and may the batsman whose misfortune to have been "caught pulling" is broadcast to the world by Richie Benaud receive sympathy and understanding from his wife when he returns home. Yours faithfully. DAVID COMPTON,

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From Mr James Hopper

Sir. An event that is more than 24 centuries old can hardly be called an eccentric new sport (report, February 25). At present, I am halfway through Classical Civilisation my Classical Civilianion.
GCSE course and I was intrigued to read Mr Burton Silver's claim that a long jump in which hand-held weights are used to extend the distance would be a new sport. Weights were used in the very first long

jump in the Olympics of Ancient Greece. A performance of 52ft has been recorded from the 29th Olympic Games in 664BC, although historians believe this is exaggerated. Yours faithfully.
JAMES HOPPER,

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From Mr P. J. McCloskey Sir. I don't know where Oliver Holt obtained the information that Manchester United are now clear favourites to win the European Cup. 1 bet that's not what the Germans, Italians, Spaniards or Ukrainians think. I'm a United fan and live in hope, but my tip would be Dynamo Kiev. Yours through untinted glasses, P. J. McCLOSKEY,

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From Mr L. Kingsley Sir, From reading the Saturday "Statistics on Football Of-fenders" (February 27), the names of Frank Leboeuf, of Chelsea, and Gary Neville, of Manchester United, stand out. Could it he that there is some connection between foul play on the field and football journalism in The Times? Yours faithfully, LAWRENCE KINGSLEY. 7 St James' Close, New Malden. Surrey KT3 6DU.

This week in THE TIMES



Tomorrow Tim Henman, above, seeks to continue his climb up the world tennis rankings at the Champions' Cup

Wednesday Did Arsenal close the gap on the FA Carting Premiership leaders when they played Sheffield Wednesday?

Thursday Who triumphed when Manchester United and Chelsea renewed their FA Cup tussle at Starnford Bridge?

Saturday Comprehensive guide to the weekend's football. with top columnists Danny Baker, Alyson Rudd and Frank Leboeut



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By MARTIN RICHARDS

WAKEFIELD had hoped for a morale-boosting victory in their first outing in the JJB Super League, but such dreams were crushed in cruel fashion when Danny Orr, the Castle-ford stand-off half, kicked two late penalty goals.

Andy Kelly, the Wakefield

coach, has assembled a squad who are prepared to fight for every inch of ground and they adapted to the deteriorating conditions better than their opponents. However, they were to be undone by two lapses in the final three minutes.

A try by Kevin Crouthers in the 57th minute had put them two points clear and when Dean Sampson, Castleford's Great Britain forward, was sent off with ten minutes left for punching, a first win for ten years over their neighbours was on.

Then the superior kicking game of Castleford came to the rescue. Orr, who had missed two first-half penalties, levelled the scores with three min-utes left after Tony Kemp, the Wakefield captain, had been penalised. When Brad Davis, Orr's balf-back partner, had a dropped goal attempt charged down, the ball fell to Shane Kenward, the Wakefield stand-off, in an offside position. Our stepped up to convert and the final hooter sounded.

Willie Poching, Trinity's Western Samoan forward, gave the Wildcats the lead in the 21st minute when he picked up a wayward pass to charge through for a try. Castleford replied through a try by Francis Maloney.

Andy Hodgson, the Wake-field full back, levelled the scores with a penalty, but Orr restored Castleford's lead seven minutes into the second half after Poching had been pulled up for interference.

SCORERS: Castleford Tigera: Try: Melopey, Goele: On (4), Wakefield Trinity Wildpake Trios: Poching, Croutiers, Goel: Hodgson; CASTLEFORD TIGERS: J Flowers; R Gay, F Melonsy; M Eager, D Ropers; D Ory, B Davis; N Swies, A Pager, D Sampson, L Her-land, O Fistz, A Vowies, Sebatillutier; J Piole-right, C Fister, S Groter, S Melons, S Groter, S Grote

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pitch before a world record rugby league attendance on Saturday when Sydney's new Olympic stadium played host

fans, Parramatta beat the newly-merged St. George-Illawarra 20-10. Earlier, the crowd had seen

Australia staged its first sporting event in the lead up to the 2000 Olympic Games.

Long ices St Helens cake

Bradford Bulls Sheffield Eagles.....

By PETER WILSON

BRADFORD'S belief that they have the strength to regain the JJB Super League championship will, no doubt, face sterner tests than this one. When that day comes, they will have to make far more use of posses-

sion than they managed in the rain at Odsal yesterday. It was remarkable that such a one-sided contest was not effectively settled until ten minutes before the final hooter, when Henry Paul set up the chance for Michael Withers, on as a substitute, to score

It was the appearance of Paul, linking up with his younger brother, Robbie, at

Bradford's third and decisive

half back, that provided the highlight of a miserable afternoon. The partnership, established by the signing of Henry Paul from Wigan Warriors during the close season, will obviously be far more effective in better conditions.

Paul inspires Bradford

In the meantime, Paul Sr has established himself as a favourite among the Bradford supporters. More than 12,000 turned up yesterday to welcome the new Super League season and although there was little in the way of skilful, sweeping rugby, they went home satisfied.

Sheffield struck the first blow in the third minute, thanks to a smart piece of play from Aston, their scrum half. and a slice of good fortune: Aston's short kick bounced off the posts into the path of the supporting Watson, who gave the Eagles the lead.

Aston added the conversion, but the early breakthrough offered only false hopes for the Eagles. Henry Paul's first goal after 12 minutes was quickly followed by Bradford's opening try from James Lowes, the booker, who plunged in from a yard out while the Eagles

were regrouping. Six minutes into the second half, Nathan McAvoy finished off a slick move to stretch the lead to six points and, ten minutes from the end, Withers added the final touchdown.

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derec; G. Shaw (Wigan).

Salford Reds St Helens BY A CORRESPONDENT

TWO length-of-the-field tries in the second half, both fin-ished off from 45 metres by Sean Long, broke Salford at The Willows yesterday, but it was the St Helens defence that laid the foundations for a hard-earned, if ultimately

straightforward, victory. Salford's total domination of the first half and a fair part of the second was never reflected in the scoreline, for they were

frustrated by fierce tackling. Long completed his hattrick in the space of 21 min-utes, when he wriggled his way over four minutes from the end. Even then, St Helens were not done and Paul Sculthorpe benefited when Tommy Martyn's grub-kick, which appeared to be covered, rebounded off a post into his

Salford's collective role as spectators when first Kevin Iro and then Paul Atcheson counter-attacked from their own line to give Long his first two tries hardly suggested sound defensive organisation, but, ironically, it was St Helens's great strength. It had to be good as Salford, using the kicking game to great effect, forced them to drop out from beneath

their own posts seven times within the first 13 minutes. Not content with mere survival, however, St Helens opened the scoring after 16 minutes when Iro broke clear and sent Paul Newlove over. Although Joey Hayes answered within six minutes

when Salford finally moved

the ball wide, he was badly at

fault in missing Newlove as the Great Britain centre dazzled Garren Casey with an outrageous dummy to score his second try.

Martin Crompton also displayed sleight of hand in claiming the second Salford try, converted by Steve Blakeley, but Long levelled the scores with the final kick of the first half, Another Blakeley penalty, early in the second half, gave Salford the lead again, but then the pendulum swung in fayour of St Helens.

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Offiah is clouded by tragic loss

Record for

London Broncos.. Huddersfield Giants.

By DAVID LAWRENSON

MARTIN OFFIAH, the London Broncos wing, confessed to having mixed emotions when he touched down late in the game to become the highest English try-scorer in rugby league history. His 447th try won the game for the Broncos in their JJB Super League opener at the Stoop Memorial Ground, but Offiah had been given the option of missing the game altogether, after the death of his father in Nigeria.

"For me, playing was the only option." Offiah said. "Normally, it's when you're doing nothing that things go through your head." Com-menting on his try seven minutes from time, Offiah added: I almost burst into tears. I

didn't know whether to be happy or sad." His try proved to be crucial as the Huddersfield Giants came storming back with only two points separating the teams going into the final quarter. They looked to be in trouble when the Broncos led 20-8 three minutes into the second half, but a try from Andy Cheetham, his second of the game, and another from Craig Weston hauled them

Cheetham had opened the scoring after six minutes, when he latched on to a diagonal kick from Bobbie Goulding, but London pulled away to a 14-4 lead, rattling up 12 points in eight minutes.

Goulding put his side back in the hunt with two penalties before half-time, but an early try in the second half, from Karle Hammond, after a superb break by Peter Gill, put them 12 points clear. Huddersfield stuck to their task and might well have snatched vic-tory, but for Offiah's late

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Warrington defy late onslaught

Halifax Blue Sox14 Warrington Wolves.....16

BY A CORRESPONDENT

WARRINGTON Wolves slithcred their way to an opening-day success in the mud at The Shay yesterday. With incessant rain, coupled with an icy wind, good rugby was always going to be at a premium, but Warrington defied the elements and a ferocious late onslaught by Halifax Blue Sox to get their JJB Super League campaign off to the perfect

Despite playing into a gale in the first half, they turned round 12-8 in front and never looked back. For their part, Halifax must be thoroughly sick of the sight of Warrington, who eliminated them from the Challenge Cup-seven

Graham Holroyd gave Hali-fax the lead in the fifth minute with a penalty. Steve McCur-

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rie put the Wolves on the minute penalty, but Toa Koa- board as be slid over from ten yards after being fed by Simon Gillies two minutes later. Lee Briers converted for the first of his two successful kicks from three attempts.

Holroyd missed a kickable penalty and Des Clark had a try ruled out as Halifax tried to fight back and they did level through Martin Moana after 20 minutes. Holroyd edged them into the lead with a 33rd-

either side of the half-time

TWO converted tries in the final 11 minutes, from Phil Jones and Joe Walsh, gave Lancashire Lynx a 22-12 over Dewsbury in the Northern

scored the game's first try after nine minutes, touched down in the 69th minute, with Walsh following him over five minutes later to seal Lynx's second league win.

Love struck just before halftime to put the Wolves-in command. The conditions were much

worse after the break, but Warrington made light of them as Lee Penny, who finished the match with a broken thumb, plunged over after excellent work from Briers.

That gave them a 16-8 advantage and, for all Halifax's late attack, there was no way back.

Lynx add to victory

Ford Premiership.

Jones, who had already

interval, plus three goals from Mike Fletcher, gave Hunslet a 14-8 win at Batley, while York pulled off a tremendous 10-8 win away to Keighley, af-ter trailing 8-4 at the break. Jamie Benn finished a smart move to level the scores and his subsequent conversion proved to be crucial, adding the match-winning points.

although Holroyd - who had a generally terrible day with the boot - kicked a penalty. Nick Pinkney dived into the

corner with ten minutes left to

make it 14-16 and Holroyd was

unlucky as his touchline conversion rebounded off a post. Darryl van der Velde, the Warrington coach, was disappointed with his team's performance, despite the victory. "The elements played a mas sive part in the game and probably ruined it as a speciacle," he said, "but we didn't do a los of the basics to an acceptable standard. We go to Bradford in the cup next week and if we play like that, we'll lose."

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Schnyder searches for solace

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN INDIAN WELLS

FOR once in her life, Martina Hingis is happy to be in the shadow of someone else. As the Evert Cup moves slowly but surely into the second and third rounds - Hingis took her appointed place with a relatively simple 6-3, 6-4 win over Alexandra Stevenson, of the United States — all eyes were upon Patty Schnyder. The pretender to Hingis's throne as Swiss No I. Schnyder's every footstep has been dogged by television crews and bevies of reporters ever since she joined forces, both on and off the court, with Rainer

Harnecker's influence over the 20-year-old Schnyder has increased steadily since the two met last December. He began as an adviser, is now her boyfriend and since he has been travelling with her on the tour, their relationship has systernatically alienated her family, her friends and her colleagues in the game. At the same time, her form has fallen almost as fast as her weight --Harnecker has instituted e new vegan diet for Schnyder that includes her drinking two litres of orange juice a day.

in the early hours of Saturday morning. Schnyder just about got through her firstround match against Tamarine Tanasugarn, e woman who appears to do most of her training at the dinner table, and then claimed that at last she was rediscovering her game. "Last month, I spent more time talking to the press than on the practice court," she said. "It has to slop now. Everyone has to let me play tennis. I want to work."

Unfortunately for Schnyder, she has no one to work with. She fired her coach of three vears. Eric van Harpen, after the Australian Open and then. at the beginning of last week. hired Vito Gugolz. He had worked with Schnyder when

she was a junior and again before she teamed up with Van Harpen and has been one of Schnyder's close friends for the past ten years. Gugolz flew into Indian Wells on Tuesday and, just four practice sessions later, was fired on Thursday, a decision that left Schnyder in floods of tears. Then again, since the arrival of Harnecker. any connection with Schnyder's past has been severed

and she appears tentative on court and distinctly edgy off it. She must now play Alicia Molik, a qualifier from Australia, and, in her present state, that could prove tricky. Should she win. Hingis lies in wait for her. Hingis usually has an opinion on most things

just ask Amelie Mauresmo but about this she is awfully quiet. "It's her private bus-iness and it's not something f can discuss," Hingis said, Private or not, the WTA Tour is keeping a watching brief on the whole affair and, should Harneeker do anything untoward, it is ready to act.

Elsewhere, it was business as usual. Monica Seles grunted to victory over Elena Likhovtseva 7-6, 6-2 and a fluridden Anna Kournikova ran out of puff to lose 7-6. 1-6. 7-5 to Silvia Farina. It was Kournikova's forehand that sprayed errors around the court.

Today, the attention will fall on the men for the start of the Newsweek Champions Cup. The draw did British hopes few favours, placing Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski in the same quarter. They are scheduled to meet in the third round, with the winner due to meet Pete Sampras in the quarter-finals.

Henman is keen to renew their doubles partnership prior to the Davis Cup-tie next month, but Rusedski, with a runner's-up spot to defend this week, has more on his mind and is delaying a decision.

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Boardman is flanked by O'Grady, left, and Vandenbroucke after winning the opening time-trial of the Paris-Nice. Photograph: Laurent Rebours

Boardman beats the clock again

CHRIS earned his first significant win since the 1998 Tour de France prologue with victory in the opening time-trial of the week-long Paris-Nice stage race in Boulogne-Billancourt

yesterday. "I knew that this was primarily a flat course," Boardman, who now leads the race overall, said, "It was well suited to me, so victory here became my first objective of the year."

The Great Britain cyclist won by 2sec from Stuart O'Grady, of Australia, his team-mate, and by 6sec from Franck Vandenbroucke, of Belgium, the defending champion. However, with several mountainous stages still to come as the race heads south to the Cote d'Azur, Boardman is being realistic.

"I've had only six days of racing this year, so I'd say that I have only an outside chance of still leading the race by the time we get down to the south-ern Alps," he said. Jeremy Whittle finds the British cyclist in

pragmatic mood as the hills approach

While Boardman added another time-trial win to his long list of victories against the clock, most attention focused on the return to French racing of Richard Virenque, the former leader of the Festina team, who was expelled from the Tour de France last year after a doping scandal.

Virengue, who has consistently protested his innocence since then, was set to retire from the sport last winter. Then, however, Polti, the Italian team, came in with an eleventh-hour offer to rescue the popular Frenchman's faltering career and Virenque Is now rebuilding his fitness with the 1999 Tour as his prin-

cipal objective. Despite the presence of Boardman, O'Grady and Virenque, the most likely con-

tenders for final victory are Vandenbroucke and Lance of Valberg. Armstrong, a former cancer

sufferer, from Texas. Both riders have enjoyed mixed fortunes this spring. Vandenbroucke has suffered the loss of a cousin in a car crash and is missing the services of Nico Mettan, his valued team-mate, who has been sidelined with a heart murmur. In spite of those shocks. Vandenbroucke has already won three leading races this spring and seen his wife give birth to the couple's first child. Armstrong had begun the season well, until he dislocated his shoulder while racing

in Spain a fortnight ago. Despite that setback, he is determined to be competitive and is relishing the challenge of the key stage next Saturday, a

gruelling climb to the summit finish at the Alpine ski resort

In Spain, Marco Pantani, the Tour de France champion, has picked up where he left off last year, winning the five-day Tour of Murcia after an explosive lone attack on the hilly penultimate stage. Although Pantani is insisting that he may not defend his Tour de France title this summer, blaming the blandness of the 1999 Tour route and its lack of mountains for his reluctance, the diminutive Italian is widely expected to change his mind, once he has completed the Tour of Italy in June.

The immediate future of two other leading riders remains more deeply in doubt. Jan Ullrich, the 1997 Tour de France winner, is enduring an-

other of his characteristically wobbly periods, despite hav-ing trained bard all winter to avoid a repetition of his poor form of 1998, while French national Laurent Jalabert, of France, has yet to race on

home turf this season. Ulirich, 25, is already suffering from exhaustion after a bout of flu and a wisdom tooth operation, which is foreing him to delay his competive return, while Jalabert and ONCE, his Spanish team, still embroiled in a tetchy battle with the French authorities after their walkout at the Tour last summer, seem to be reluctant to cross the French border.

The dust from the doping scandals of nine months ago has still to settle, but the organisers of Paris-Nice, hit by a fall in sponsorship after the revelations, are fervently hoping that the 66th Race to the Sun will arrive unsullied on the Meditteranean coast next

Oxford make a rapid start

By MIKE ROSEWELL

OXFORD and Cambridge Universities outclassed opposition in private races on the Tideway yesterday.

Oxford, competing against

Tideway Scullers in two races between Putney and Hammersmith, showed remarkable speed out of the blocks and the Scullers, albeit with two substitutes on board, were a length down in 46sec in the first con-

Oxford then powered on, generally at 34 strokes a minute, to lead by five lengths et the mile and, although they then dropped the rate to 32, they held a similar margin at

the finish. The Scullers were fivelier off the start in the second race and Oxford did not clear them until Imin 48sec, but the winning margin was again some five lengths at the mile and the

The Cambridge opponents. a London RC lightweight crew, held on to the Light Blues for rather longer in their two rows. In the first, from Putney to Hammersmith, Cambridge took three minutes to gain one length, then, in spite of warnings to Vian Sharif, their coxwain, opened a margin of four lengths by Hammersmith, The second race saw Cambridge win, again with some warnings, by

21/2 lengths. Cambridge were timed unofficially as around 5sec faster than Oxford, but they kept their rate higher from the mile. Both crews have power, but Oxford, at the moment, are using it with more tidi-

ess. Isis, the Oxford reserve crew, were second at the Reading Head on Saturday behind Oxford Brookes, who retained their title.

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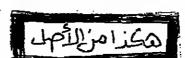
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Moment of magic helps Phillips tie up victory

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Phillps, 26, and Bickerton, 29, could not be separated at the top if the leaderboard after 54 hole and, after matching 68s, they were still locked together on 276, 12 under par, at the end of 72. They had long since ben the only combat-ants forthe otle, Robert Karlsson, Alexander Cejka and Santiago Lina all having finished three stokes behind.

They presented a striking

contrast in height and physique Phillips 5ft 7in and llst, Biglerton 5in taller and 3st hearier. It was a classic catchweight contest and this time the good little un beat the

Bicketon led by a shot on the 17th tee, but the portents were tot good. He had bogeyed the hole during the third round on Saturday and remainel consistent by doing so again Three holes earlier. he had lid by two strokes and now he was level; he was

never to ead again. The slpt that won the tournament for Phillips was his second a the 18th hole. He pulled his tee-shot behind trees and was left with his feet on a carripath that gave him as much gip as carpet slippers on an it rink, behind trees, 200 yarrs from the pin, with Bickerton in the middle of the fairway Calamity loomed: the

way in which he averted it was

little short of sorcery. He declined to take relief from ground under repair since to have done so would have pushed him farther behind the timber. Instead, he played a huge cut shot that bent 30 yards and finished up 30ft from the hole. Two putts later, he was in for a birdie

Bickerton's thoughts as he watched Phillips's recovery can only be imagined - he had played the hole virtually perfectly and had ended up no better off than his opponent. At such moments are golf tournaments won and lost.

Bickerton could not have helped but quake a little as he returned to the 17th for the nlay-off. There was a sequence that absolutely had to be broken if he were to remain in the contest. And he did not to break it, flopping a 20-yard chip feebly into a bunker after missing the green in two. Phillips, meanwhile, lagged up to 2ft and holed the second putt. Bickerton had to hole his bunker shot to keep the piece alive. and failed. Of course he did: his bogey hole had once again proved to be his bogey hole.

Phillips, who won a point for Great Britain and Ireland when they were trounced 19-5 by the United States in the Walker Cup in 1993, thus picked up 93,320 Euros, which, for those who prefer their currency in real money, converts to about £66,650 the biggest prize of his career.

It was quite a moment for him, but one that was not, apparently, enhanced by the fact that he had won on a course that had been designed by Sir Henry Cotton, patriarch of Penina. "I can't say it had any effect on me at all," he said with blissful insouciance. "He designed a good golf course and that's as far as it goes for me." Oh dear.



Phillips concentrates on his way to victory in the Portuguese Open yesterday

Position in driving seat eludes worried Bjorn

GOLF CORRESPONDENT

IN MIAMI

ed States and European tours.

player in 1997 and a likely

starter this year, is a newcom-

er in terms of major champi-

onships. He has competed in

only seven championships in

his competitive career, four of

He will compete in his eighth when he makes his de-

but at the Masters in four

weeks' time, the result of being in the top 50 players at the end of last year. Bjorn's form,

therefore, is of some concern

He dismissed his golf last week with one word. "Rub-

bish," be said. It was his fifth

event of the year, his second in

the United States and his first

strokeplay event on this conti-

nent. "Put Thomas on a typi-

cal course in Europe and he

will hole putts from all over

the place," Martin Gray, his

them in the United States.

Bjorn, though a Ryder Cup

loose end yesterday. Although he had completed his fourth round at the Doral-Ryder Open, finishing four over par, Greg Kraft, Ernie Els and Glen Day, the three leaders, had not yet begue their final rounds and David Toms had moved to tl under par by cagling the first two holes, a parfive and a par-four, and then producing a birdie at the 3rd,

Bjorn was at a loss to know how to get to Coral Springs, 30 minutes' drive from here, where the Honda Classic takes place this week. He had been lent a car for the duration of the tournament, but that had been taken from him.

In Europe, the solution would have been simple. Bjorn would have been given a ride in the courtesy cars that ferry players from their hotels to the course and back again and to and from airports. Here, Bjorn was on his own. In the end, he took a taxi for the 15-mile journey. This was another demonstration of the differences between the Unit-

only 43 of the 72 greens in the required number of strokes.

ily and unspectacularly in his attempt to finish among the top five, a result that he had been told would be good enough to earn him sufficient points to climb one place in the world rankings — to No 50 - and so gain an invita-

Sjoland, four under par at the start of his round, dropped one stroke on the 2nd hole. That seemed to galvanise him. He birdied the 5th and then rounded out his homeward half with a spectacular run of three successive birdies to move to seven under par, with nine holes remaining.

caddie, said, "but over here he can't seem to read the greens at all. Even his shots into the green have to take into account whether they are down grain or against the grain." Bjorn took 117 putts in his

four rounds, which is an ac-ceptable total. Less acceptable was the fact that he reached

Patrik Sjoland started steadtioo to the Masters.

> times are just down the next fairway and, as he tells you

Price proves that the nice guys can win

he helicopter rose slowly, its rotors spin-The symbol N407 NP on the green fuselage denoted it be-longed to Nick Price, who was sitting in the co-pilot's seat. Nick Price, the nicest man in

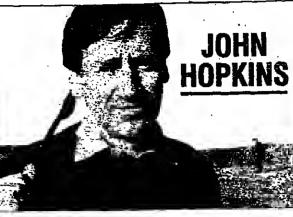
golf, was going home. But there's the rub. Where is the heart of the man who was born in South Africa of an English mother now resident in Norfolk, grew up in Zimba-bwe, who follows cricket and rugby throughout the world, whose nephew bowled Sachin Tendulkar when Zimbabwe A played India recently and now lives in Florida?

My real home will always be Zimbabwe and I don't want to lose that identity." Price said. "I love Zimbabwe. But because my kids are growing up in America, this is my home now. I could not go back and live in Zimbabwe for the next 15 years because I want my kids to have the best possible education, but I think in time I would be able to spend half the year there and half the year here. Maybe if things were very stable in the future, I'd probably go back there full

What is happening in Zim-babwe is hurting Price deeply and in a gesture of help, he has donated his earnings from three Presidents' Cup tournaments to children's centres and orphanages in that

"It is the most depressing thing," he said. "They are bav-ing a tough time surviving. I phone home three or four times each week and there are things going on there that sad-den me. Unless something happens, the country will be bankrupt soon. The Government needs to create a new infrastructure because the one that we've got is not working." Price is working, on the oth-

er hand. He is flying high again after a fallow period that followed his stellar years in the early Nineties, when he won three major championships and the Players Championship in a dazzling 23-month spell. In both the 1997 and 1998 seasons, he won more than \$1 million (about £625,000) and his 15 victories on the US PGA Tour in the Nineties was three more than any other player. Price is aware that good



this his piercine blue eves gleam, his voice throbs with extement and you cannot help but feel swept up by his enthu-

"I wish I could stop everything because I am enjoying life so much now," he said. " feel at last I have all the ducks in a row. The children are in the right school. Everyone has their health. I sometimes think I would like to be this age for

'I wish it could all stop now because I'm enjoying

life so much'

He was 42 a little over one month ago. He looks too young to be described as old, too old to be called young. His grieving at the death from leukaemia of Squeaky Medlen. his long-time caddie, has ended and, after four years and a huge capital outlay, he. Sue. his wife, and their three children are happily settled in their dream house on Jupiter Island (Greg Norman is a neighbour) near Palm Beach.

"A few years ago my wife and I had a vision of what we wanted our house and our life to be like and we have worked really hard to get to where we are now. The visioo was to have space for all of us where we can do the things we want to do — fish and spend holidays together as a family, be in the sun, have good weather. t always felt a happy family is a healthy family and if there is no stress and no aggro and you take care of the kids, they

will take care of you." Price has a high regard for the way in which he was brought up and has tried to in-stil many of the same values in his own children.

"I am conscious it might be difficult for them, being the children of a rich father," he says. "My son knows we are rich. His friends see the money that we make in the papers. He'll get over that. It is up to me to try to explain to him that the money we make is a by-product of doing something I

love doing very well.
This is what he has to understand, not that I play for the money, because, when I started playing golf, I was just trying to make a living at the game. When he gets older and we go out in a fishing boat to-gether, I'll be able to tell him: This is how it happened."

Price's assistants started circling, reminding one of how rich and successful is the man ranked No 9 in the world of golf. One handed him a cigarette, which he smoked surreptitiously. Another brought him a pair of cycling shoes complete with rubber-studded soles and took his golf shoes from him as he changed out of them. They are Changed into the of priors seat and began studying the otherols. Nick Price the piecest man in

golf, was heading home.

Farah puts language to good use

ONE of the most heartening sights in sport on Saturday was at the English Schools Cross | Country Championships, where rain, sleet, snow, mud and a chill wind were defied with admirable fortitude. And that was just by the officials and spectators.

For many of the 2,000 conpetitors, the experience on the hills of Stopsley Park, Luton must have been a searing one. Yet over the past 40 years, this event is where international stars have been nurtured. Peter Elligt. Eamonn Martin, Juhan Genter. Paula Radeliffe and Christina Boxer have won titles, while Seb Coe. David Moorcreft and Steve Cram have all been prominent.

Cram remembers the significance of the championships in which he finished third in 1975, terming it a "good inchearsal" for events such as the Commonwealth and Clympic Games. "We were away from home, possibly for the first time, put into a strangeenvironment with people you haven't run against. which is what you go through in a major championship."

John Goodbody

watches the next generation of British athletes shine in the mud

One runner who showed the potential on Saturday to make an impact as an adult was Mohammed Farah, 15, from Feltham Community School, Middlesex, who skimmed over the cloying surface to take the intermediate 6.500 merres title in 21min 22sec, nearly a minute clear of his Abdi Ali,

his Middlesex team-mate. The winner of the junior otle two years ago, he has run 3,000 metres on the track in Smin 33sec and has both pace and stamina allied to a smooth style. Farah came to Great Britain from his naove Somatia in 1993 and, for a white, always finished second because

snow-covered pitches. Sutton Coldfield and Doncaster, who

are struggling at the foot of the table, were among those affect-

ed, as were Loughborough Stu-

dents, who faced a crucial

away to Doncaster on Satur-

day, Slough took a step closer to finishing ahead of Ipswich

in pole position in the table af-

ter Fiona Greenham and

Karen Brown, their interna-

tionals, scored a goal in each

half in their 2-1 victory over

Clifton yesterday to put them

level on points with the Suffolk

ditions, neither team produced

a vintage performance, with

Slough going 2-0 ahead before

Denise Marston-Smith re-

duced the deficit in the last

In wet, windy and cold con-

After the postponed match

game against Bradford.



he had to track a front-runner as he could not understand the directions from the course marshals. Now he speaks English fluently and is making every-one else follow him. Alan Watkinson, his PE

teacher, said: "He has learnt most of his English from athletics. The sport has given him great self esteem." Farah has told Alex McGee,

his coach at Hounslow AC, that he wants to cut 20sec off his 3,000 metres time this year, which would be extraordinary. However, McGee said: "His attitude to training has changed recently because we have some other boys of

real quality coming into the training group and they have pushed him."

Steven Vernon, 18, of Ridge Danyers College, Greater Manchester, took the senior boys' 8,000 metres title, drifting away from Christopher Bolt, of Berkshire, who had been running alongside him ar the start of a long third loop. Vernon used to suffer from a series of viruses, but he has been in good health since having his tonsils removed last year. Had he been tempted dur-

ing his troubles to give up the sport?"I thought about it. but. once you've got the bug for running, you keep at it," he said. So has Courtney Birch, 14.

from Millfield School, Somerset. She was second in the 1998 national age group swimming championships for the 400 me-tres individual medley, but she went one better on Saturday as she won the junior girls 3,500 metres title. Another notable win came from Hatie Dean, of St Helen's and St Katherine's School, Oxfordshire, who beat a cluster of talented senior girls in the 4,500 metres race.

HOCKEY: HIGHTOWN RECOVER TWICE TO SECURE LAST PLAY-OFF POSITION

Ipswich humbled by Late goal by Simons Cullen performance

THREE goals by Tina Cullen. the England and Great Britain striker, helped Hightown to come from behind twice to beat Ipsyich, the leaders, and secure the fourth and last place alongside Slough, lpswich and Clifton in the Women's National League premier division play-offs (Cathy Har-

Cullen's treble, including the winner two minutes from time. was in response to two goals by Sarah Bamfield and took her tally to 18 for the season showing why she is not only the league's leading goalscorer but the all-nme overall markshan in the league. While the Merseyside team

were making sure of their spot in the top four, several other important fixtures involving clubs antious for their futures were postponed because of

rescues Southgate

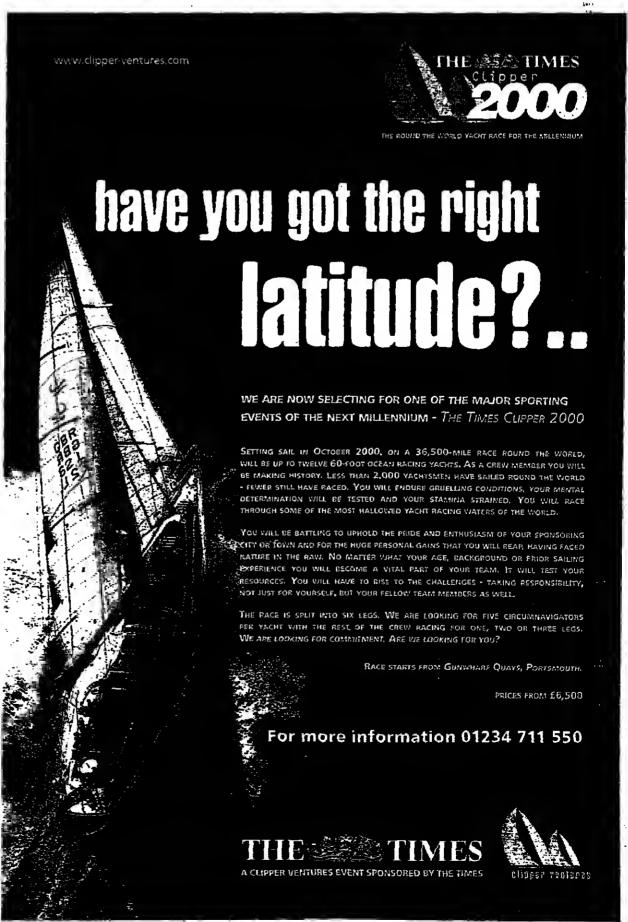
SOUTHGATE recovered twice at home yesterday to share four goals with Cannock the current National League premier division champions (Sydney Friskin writes). The game was marred by bad weather that made playing conditions difficult and may have accounted for Cannock's

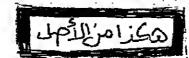
lapses in front of goal. If Sharpe had hit the target midway through the second half, Cannock would have gone 3-1 ahead. Instead. Southgate shared the points with a well-taken goal by Simons with only four minutes left.

The lead that Edwards had given Cannock from a short corner in the 23rd minute was cancelled out by Shaw nine minutes before half-time, only for Mayer to restore Cannock's advantage off the rebound from another short corner ten minutes into the second half. Reading, who bad knocked

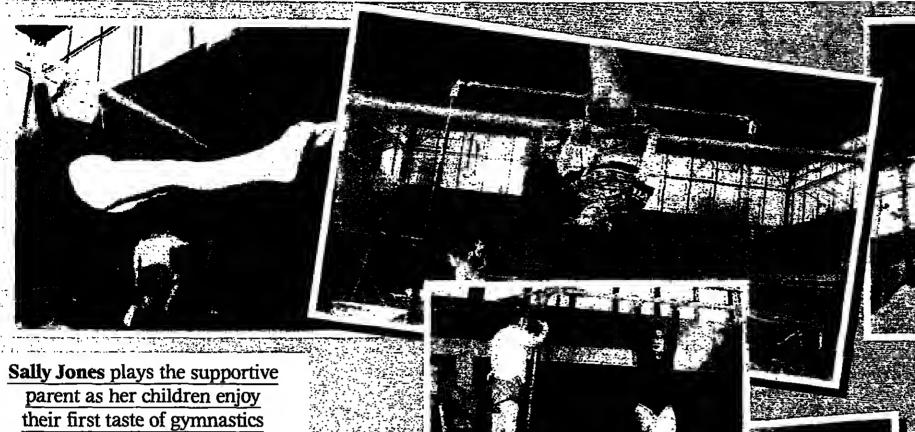
Canterbury out of the EHA Cup a week ago, beat the Kent side at home 6-3, with Pearn and Ashdown scoring two goals each. Guildford were trounced 7-1 at home by Teddington, with Garrard scoring three goals. Jennings had put Guildford in the lead from a short corner in the secand minute.

Brooklands recorded their first win in 18 matches by beating Hounslow 3-2, but are still bottom of the table. A flooded pitch at Hull caused the postponement of the first division match against Surbiton, who would have been without Nichol, their forward. He was busy scoring two goals for South Africa in a 3-2 victory





A swinging time had by all



here was a collective gasp as the small group of newcomers crept into the high. spacious gymnasium and took in the sheer variety of apparatus on show; trampettes, tempting rings swinging from the ceiling, a vaulong horse with a run-up the length of the gym, a four-inch beam at waist height surrounded by deep-pile crash-mats and two sets of bars, asymmetric and single, above a deep pit filled with mountains of foam-rubber chunks for the softest of landings. Among the first-timers were my two children, Roly, 8. and Madeline, 6, who looked suitably amazed.

"It's like the best playground you ever saw." Roly said. "Can I have a swing like that boy?" He pointed to a wiry-looking 9-year-old who was flicking his legs to and fro as he hung like a pendulum from the high rings, an instructor at the ready in case of a fall.

Madeline, meanwhile, was transfixed by the sight of a tiny, muscular girl in a white, sparkly leotard. sprinting down the tumbling track and. after a series of spectacular back-flips, finishing with a double back somersault into the



foam pit. Impressed though she was by the fluent turnbling, it was the leotard that Madeline really covered and the look of longing said more clearly than any words that her own garb, the white T-shirt and shorts of her school gym kit, was definitely second-best. It was an auspicious start to

both children's first taste of gymnastics, as the newest recruits to Coventry Olympic Gymnastics Club in the gym at Warwick University.

"Line up, everyone," Tex oton, the tough, jolly ex-Army PTI who runs the club, instructed, "Stand tidy!" At once, the 30 children working in small groups on the different pieces of apparatus



dashed over and formed neat lines, feet turned out, arms held at their sides, hands rounded balletically. The newcorners slouched and drooped, feet turned in until shown the desired posture, but, from then on, they stood like pouter pigeons, aching to emulate the old hands.

class, one of scores held at the that left her with one leg shortgym each week, caters for children aged from 5 to 18 with a variety of standards - from total beginners to national squad members. The club includes several youngsters with special needs, among them Laura Bateman, 13, who

like back-flips on the beam, The hour-long afternoon was born with a hip problem which means that she can comer and thinner than the other. Bateman, the British junior disabilities champion, who

pete on equal terms with ablebodied youngsters at regional level. She has also amazed doc-tors by building up so much strength in her weaker leg has, astoundingly, just achieved a place in the ablebodied county squad, regular-ly trains for four hours a day, that, apart from a slight limp. it is hard to believe that she is achieving high-level moves, disabled at all.

of stretching and suppling exercises, humping and hollowing their backs, sitting with legs straight and wide apart then walking their hands out as far as they could between them.
Roly yelped when his hamstring twinged as Coton
pressed down gently on his
back but he giggled as he finally succeeded in pushing himself up into a bridge, then admired the perfect arch of Reece Cleall, 10, a relative newcomer but one of the club's most promising boys.

Madeline took her first tenta-

The whole class did a string

tive steps on the beam, learning to walk along it, arms out. head held high, swinging her feet through with pointed toes and trying small, two-footed jumps, knees locked together fore and aft ("Look at me tightrope-walking, mummy"). After several minutes of painstaking hopscotch steps, she got the hang of the run-up for the vault, dashing on to the springboard and bouncing off it twofooted to land, feet together, between her hands on top of the

By now, Roly had achieved his ambition on the rings and was swinging for minutes on end, legs straight and (roughly) together, face puce and wreathed in smiles ("Remember to keep breathing, mate!"). Madeline watched rapt as her heroine in the white leotard. Lizzie Garbutt, 9, a slender sprite with exquisite poise and

extension and the West Midlands under-10 team umbling champion, went through her

floor routine. The youngest children end-ed the class bouncing on the trampettes and jumping off with a half-twist in the air before landing on the thek mats. flexing their knees neatly. The whole group then sprinted at top speed around the gym and threw themselves into the pit of foam-rubber beneath the bars in a giggly finale that panished the atmosphere of ustained

or the newcohers, the need to focus for a solid hour on a range of unfamilia drills plus the physical depands of the session proved p be ex-hausting, but everyone left the gym smiling with a sense of purpose and achievement.

Now, four sessions later, Madeline and Rolf are as enthusiastic as ever but far more attuned to the discipline of standing tidily in line waiting their turn and lolowing instructions. They even practise bridges and handstands in the garden and Madelpe pleads for a red velvet leotard several times a day. For the moment, though, this has been put on hold as retribution for an energetic bouncing ession in which her bed proved unequal to the combined weight of two excited children using it as a trampette.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT Today's hand comes from a new book, Expert Tuition, by Raymond and Sally Brock.

E-W Game

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S - 4 H	1 NT Aff Pa	N 2 C (1)	Pass

(l) Astro, showing hearts and

Dealer West

Four Hearts is an excellent game. Declarer needs either to take two ruffs in the dunimy, or to set up an extra trick in the club suit or ... a

misdefence. Declarer wun the spade lead, played a club to the ace and ruffed a club. She then played the jack of diamonds from hand which West won with the queen and switched to a trump. Declarer won in dummy and ruffed a club high, now needing the club break because she was not going in be allowed in take two ruffs in the dummy.

West now made the mis-take of overruffing and playing a second trump. With having been drawn, declarer was back on track. She simply conceded a diamond and later ruffed a diamond and a spade in the dummy.

Contract: Four Hearts by South. Lead: six of spades This is a fairly common defensive situation in which it is generally wrong to overruff, for by so doing you draw only one of your opponents trumps with one of yours. If you can gain the lead and then play your acc of trumps you draw two of their trumps

with one of yours. Expert Tuition is written in a chatty style as a conver-satiun between the two authors who have played a 64-board match in the same team but in different partnerships. All 64 hands are dis-cussed in detail

The book (published by B. T. Batsford) is available from Chess & Bridge, 369 Euston Road, London NWI 3AR; tel: 0171 388 2404, price £9.99 including postage and

□ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

UPANISHADS

a. Far Eastern dwellings h. Protective legwear c. Sacred writings

ANALEMNA a. Irritation

b. Solar scale c. Calculus

VENTIFACT

a. Shaped stone b. Tailoring style c. A blowhole

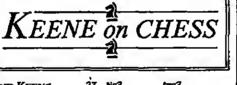
POPINJAY a. The peacock b. A zip fastener

Answers on page 46

By Raymond Keene

White's pieces are under attack, but White found a clear cut way to simplify the posicion to advantage. What did White play?

Solution on page 46



BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

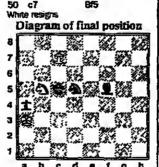
Kasparov dominates

By defeating his main rival, Viswanathan Anand, in a complicated and exciting game, Garry Kasparov has moved into a seemingly decisive lead in the elite tournament at Lin-ares in Spain, Kasparov con-solidated his lead by drawing against his other main rival, Vladimir Kramnik, in the cleventh round.

The win against Anand by Kasparov is extraordinary, with Kasparov launching a violent counterattack as Black with his own king marooned in the centre. After virtually un-fathomable complications,

Anand's resistance cracked when he missed a likely draw in a difficult endgame and soon had to resign. White: Viswanathan Anand Black: Garry Kasparov Linares 1999

Sicilian Defence NT3 2014 N#6 a6 e6 b6 h6 Nc3



Missed opportunity On move 47 the move 47 Nc3 should draw. In the final posioon Black wins after 51 Kxa4 Nb6+ 52 Ka5 No4+ 53 Ka6 (if 53 Ka4 Bc2 is an amazing matel 53 ... Bc8+ 54 Ka7 Kxb5 55 Kb8 Nd6 and Black wins. Keene online

You can send me your queries. puzzles, problems and games direct by e-mail. The address is keenechess@aol.com. The best contributions from Times readers will be published either here or in the Saturday Times Weekend column.

WINNING MOVE

White to play. This position is

from the game Macieja -Stefanova. Elista 1998. All



game in pursuit of stardom Suppleness remains

GYMNASTICS was widely practised in Ancient Greece and Rome and remains an enjoyable, all-round system for strengthening and making the whole body supple. Most children undertake some form of gymnastics at school and an estimated 300,000 beloog to specialist clubs, training in artistic gymnastics or another of the allied disciplines such as sports acrobatics (mainly floor work). tumbling or rhythmic gymnastics, which is performed to music and involves

apparatus including clubs, hoops, ropes and balls as part of its routines.

Female artistic gymnasts compete on four pieces of apparatus - beam, floor, vault and asymmetric bars; the men work on six - parallel bars, high bar, pommel horse, vault, floor and rings. Competitors perform choreographed routines that must include the prescribed elements appropriate to their level. They are judged on execution, including neatness,

power, control and interpretation, as well as oo the degree of difficulty attempted.
In general, the judges give marks out
of ten for each routine and medals are awarded to the top performers on the individual pieces of apparatus as well as to the overall winners who achieve the best combined marks from all the disciplines. At the highest level, gymnastics is a gruelling. all-consuming discipline akin

an essential ingredient

Dedication the name of the

if young gymnasts are to reach the top

to ballet in the dedication that it demands. The correct physique is vital: most top gymnasts are short, with narrow hips and powerful legs to produce the ideal blend of strength, speed and lightness. Natural flexibility, particularly in the back and legs, is also a great advantage, reducing the hours of conditioning needed to reach the top.

Traditionally, Eastern European countries have dominated the sport. Thousands of talented youngsters as young as 5 and their parents are measured to check whether they should develop the correct physique. The most gifted and dedicated then train for up to six hours a day in sports schools with top-class coaches, competing internationally across the world, a system that has produced scores of champions but also a high drop-out rate, because of chronie miury, anorexia (a significant problem among young female gymnasts obsessed with the need

to stay knife thin), burn-out and foredom with such a lifestyle.

Over the past two decades, thanks to the influence of tiny prodigies such as Olga Korbut and Nadia Comaneci, the emphasis, particularly in women's gymnastics, has shifted away from a more artistic and balletic style towards athletic, technically complex routines with spectacular tumbling at a premium. This was the main reason for the emergence of the crop of waif-like stars, many burely into their teens.

The pendulum, however, is perhaps beginning to swing the other way. Svetla-na Boginskaya, of Belarus, a former Olympic champion and a notably feminine performer, amazed the gymnastic world when she took overall silver at the European championships in 1996 at the age of 24. At the start of 1997, a rule was introduced to prevent girls younger than 16 from competing in world, European and Olympic championships at sempr level.

to ease the pressure on the teenagers.

Great Britain's elite gymnats train mainly at the National Sports Centre at Lilleshall, but, although their shedules are now comparable with the Eastern Europeans in terms of diet, mental attitude and injuries, the general approach is far

SALLY JONES

FACT BOX

HOW TO START: There are almost 1,000 clubs registered with British Gymnastics Association (BGA) in Great British, ranging from low-key organisations, with a handful of children training for a hours a week, to top-class outlits, such as the national within the champions, Heathrow and City of Liverpool, with many methods of all ages working in state-of-the-art gyms with top coaches. COST: Club subscriptions range from £20 to £100 a term, depending on the size and professionalism of the operation. KIT As gymnasts train and compete barefoot, they need little specialist clothing, apart from a leotard: £10-£30 dependingon quality and a tracksuit usually costing between £10 and £50 TESTS: The BGA sets a series of graded age-group tests from beginner level up to internetional standard. Many gymnasts who simply train for fun and exercise opt to take only the recreational level tests rather than the competitive ones. Moving up the glades at the higher levels depends on success in appropriate competitions as well as passing the relevant tests. For safe competitions as well as passing the relevant uses. For solety, reasons, girmasts are only allowed to move on to the next level after proving that they are ready to attempt it.

WHERE TO WATCH ERITARY'S STARS IN ACTION.

March 13: Adam Shield, Leeds (the men's most sought-afterprid oldest team championship). Harch 20: Women's international: Great Britain v Slovakia, at the Guildford Spectrum (plus women's grade championships). March 20: Northwest Open, Liverpool (men's championships). April 17-18: Women's club team

championships, Bognor.

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BETTME: C-1 Dorzen Dividence, 5-2 Smita, 3-1 Egen Heighlis, G-1 Baña D'Aire, 10-1 Heiny Danis, 20-1 Court. Lady, 23-1 Satary, in Good State, 50-1 others.

1996 TO CORRESPONDING MEETING

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2.20 Henry Island 2.50 THE MINDER (nap)

Timekeeper's top rating: 4.50 ROSEY BOY.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES)

2.20 KYBO MAIDEN HURDLE

(£2,600: 2m 2f 110yd) (15 junners)

3.20 Nazzaro



Dunwoody adds finishing touch to Florida Pearl

LOCAL disillusion, after the Irish had once again spread their dreams under English feet at Lansdowne Road on Saturday, was no less painful for its familiarity. Yet the odds against the rugby team had, at least; been ruefully acknowl-

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edged throughout.

Dublin's other dream of Anglo-Irish sporting mastery has no such insulation against fail-ure. In the Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup, aspirations for Florida Pearl will not be tempered by rumantic indulgence of the underdog. This time, Ireland

cious cargo of a frenzied three-day invasion of the Cotswolds, starting tomorrow week, even though Istabraq is odds on to retain the Smurfit Champion Hurdle. In contrast to Istabraq, there remain one or two questions over Florida Pearl the most important of which he addressed anew yesterday. after racing at Leopardstown.

Two hundred racegoers lin-gered to watch him schooling over eight fences, his white face drawing their binoculars

in the gathering murk.

Excepting one point-to-point in his youth. Florida Pearl has had only five chases. In falling on his reappearance at the Christmas meeting, he had betrayed an inexperience that might seriously compromise him against Teeton Mill. His big British rival is, after all, unforgiving in the accuracy of his

But Willie Mullins, trainer

THUNDERER

2.00 Iron Mountain, 2.30 Dockmaster, 3.00

Rossel 3.30 Eastern Project 4.00 Supreme

Spice. 4.30 Danbys Gorse. 5.00 Mount Stuart.

2.00 MCEWANS 70/- JUVENILE MAIDEN HURDLE

2.30 FORTH FM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING

3-1 Rutter, 4-1 Ratingto, 6-1 Sto's All Heart, 13-2 Briefe Pats, 6-1 Dockmaster, Mr Caratie, 10-1 Astraleon, Indian Vicency, 12-1 others.

1 1334 ROSSEL 18 (6F.D.G) P Monteith 6-11-7 C McCormack (3) REPE 2 3-19 STASM THE CASH 52 (D.G) M Hammond 6-11-7 B Harding 78 5 POD COCHENING 289 Miss L Resould 9-11-0 — R Johnson 4 458P MOUNTAIN DREAM 7 R AREA 6-11-0 — B Survey — 5 21PD KORALT 20 (G) A WHIRING 5-10-13 _____ J Jacobson 6 2252 CHARRANG GRIL 13 (D.G) O Sharwood 8-10-9 _J Cabonus 111

5-4 Charming Sull, 2-1 Roosel, 4-1 Stash The Cash, 14-1 Kebell, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

3.00 MCEWANS 80/- HOVICES CHASE

HANDICAP HURDLE(£2,304; 3m) (10) .

(4-Y-G: 22,374: 2m) (15 rumters) * *

By CHRIS MCGRATH

of Florida Pearl, believes that the potential advantages of a light preparation, in terms of the horse's longevity at the top, outweigh any disadvantages. Mullins has played his Cheltenham cards with unerring cool in the past, and suc-cess in the Irish Hennessy last month will have encouraged his compatriots that he will

RICHARD EVANS

Ruby Walsh schooled the horse at home on Friday and yesterday Richard Dunwoody, his Gold Cup partner, was on hand to apply the fin-That was a nice piece of work." Dunwoody reported.

Lord Gyllene bid on hold FONTWELL PARK

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Lord Gyllene, the 1997 Martell Grand National winner. faces a race against time to be fit for this year's renewal

LORD GYLLENE, who ran away with the 1997 Martell Grand National, may again be denied a return to the scene of his finest hour by mjury (Chris McGrath writes).

Such an uninhibited horse on his day. Lord Gyllene has been hindered by various physical problems since his Aintree success, missing the whole of last season with leg trouble. Now he is labouring with the pulled muscle that last week saw him ruled out of the Cheltenham Festival, and may not be ready in time for the National on April 10.

"He is still very sore and is not coming along as we would like." Steve Brook-shaw, his trainer, said yesterday. "We've got our fingers crossed and are doing more tests, so we should know more in a week." Brookshaw added that Listen Timmy. left idle by the abandonment of Doncas ter on Saturday, would go to the Festival for either the Mildmay of Flete or Catheart

Another big-race winner who has not enjoyed the ideal preparation for a repeat bid is Silver Charm. The superbly tough grey, who held off Swain in an epic duel for the Dubai World Cup last year. met with his second defeat of 1999 in the grade one Santa Anita Handicap oo Saturday.

He was beaten half a length and the same into third by Free House, but Bob Baffert considered him unlucky. "He had no place to go," the trainor said. "Every time he tried to get out, they would close it up

on the poor gry,"
The Dubai World Cup, on
March 28, vividly marks a
change of tempo for the new Flat season, which follows hard on the heels of Cheltenham. David Harrison will be in good heart for the turf campaign, after a startling 193-1 success on Holy Grail in the Hoog Kong Derby over the

2.50 FONTWELL PARK SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,198 2m 6f 110yd) (13 runners)

BETTING 7-2 Inclusion, 5-1 The Minder, 11-2 Analitownermores, 6-1 Weather Wisc, 13-2 Chreekers, 10-1 Give Chance The Sean Arido, 14-1 others,

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INCLINATION had the form at par second to Charles Chang tranked when the winner men on Saturday

3.20 BRITISH EQUESTRIAN INSURANCE BROKERS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,558: 3m 2f 110yd) (5 (unners)

BETTING, 9-4 Gracienos, 11-4 Nazzulo, 3-1 Well Timed, 5-1 Januario Classic, 7-1 Sophile May, FORM FOCUS. In He dock Sim, solly won by Sie On Eye Mizzaro 211 3d of 11 to Section when left 3 out in 5-minor handkap (texture 211 and of 11 to Section 211 and of 11 to New York, and the Section 211 and of 11 to New York, and the Section 211 and 11 to New York, and the Section 211 and 11 to New York, and the Section 211 and CROSVENOR, let doen by his pumping since completing a double is blen to land a west 1350

3.50 CDRAL HURDLE [SHOWCASE HANOICAP]

(£5,251 2m 2f 110yd) (8 runners)

1 00233 AAAAZ 10 F.G. (Lev) Amoruse Philippi, Lad, Heries 10-11-10 .W Greates (7) 95
2 12-50 EAACHAMELD 90 (ED. 8) 6 S.C. Farmer, N. 6 L. Broke 5-11-6 .U Brachelor (5) 105
2 46-524 DANGING PADDY 52 (ED.F.C.S.) N. Commoder-Brown 11-1-1-4 ... N. Williamston 9
4 42-Pec Tissue 67 (ES.S. 66) No. Herzie P. Zurago J. Ashour 6-11-3 ... G. Bradey (Tyg. 5 116342 RAJAT) 9 (6 S) Peculo P. Patrio J. Scheme 4-10-12 ... bit N (chly (7) 10-10-10 ... C. RADBER 4-68 (F) (5 W. Bratish F) Dept 1-10-7 ... L. Aspel ... J. Marker 4-68 (F) (5 W. Bratish F) Problem 6-10-0 ... J. Marger ... J. Marge

BETTINIE: 11-4 Repair, 7-2 Fountain Bat 4-1 Arrang, 5-1 Denomy Portry, 6-1 Magniturality, 8-1 Tissue Of Lica, 14-1 Lumbers, 25-1 One in The Five

FORM FOCUS good, previously 13 and of 9 to Andrews Institute of Manches Institute of Manches

RAJATI is proving meet describent and remains on a reasonable mark

4.20 KING AND BARNES 'BEST BITTER' INDVICES CHASE

BETTING, 4-7 kingsfold Pet 2-1 Head for Heaven 12-1 Calvaro 20-1 Smart Guy, 33-1 Classic Irrege. FORM FOGUS : Kingstold Pet beat kassar 71 in 4-tunner novice crase at Plantyton (2m Ct. bott) previously beaten a distance last of 2 to Maadou in novice class at Tardics in chase at according to the first for the many coaten a distance Six of 6 to Super-Tardics in chase at according to the at 6 for Heavier 3 and of 9 os Super Ma. in translocations chares at Footestone (2m, good to soil) with Calvaro (14th excise of) 371 6th and Smart Guy (15th worse of) 411 7th KINGSFOLD PET gained a most confidence booster likest and is the clear form pick have

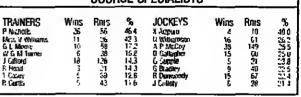
4.50 SOVEREIGN NOVICES HURDLE

(£2,268: 3m 3f) (6 runners)

BETTING: 5-4 Juny Jan Jory, 6-4 Rosey Boy, 15-2 Bozo, 16-1 Yak Alfaraj, 20-1 Lifuthiqta Master, Filosof

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COURSE SPECIALISTS



Blinkered first time Fontwell Park: 2 50 The Swan 4 50 Bozo Southwell: 4,40 Aldwych Arrow,

Madam Lucy 5.10 Mach One

HEAVY rain over the weekend has forced the abandon-

ing due to severe waterlog-ging." Nick Lees, the clerk of

first week in March." Leicester had been due to stage an all-chase card lomorrow, with an amateur riders'

handicap and five hunter chases - one of which was won by Teeton Mill last year. Thirty five National Hunt meetings have now been aban-

of last term. The abandonment of Sat-

cause of snow means that the Tote Jackpot pool of #201.365 is carried forward to the allweather meeting at Southwell today.

again get it right with Florida Pearl, who has woo at the last two Festivals. does not hope. Ireland expects. Florida Pearl is the most pre-

ishing touches. He was accom-panied by David Casey on Native-Darrig, who goes for the Guinness Arkle Trophy. "I sat off the other horse because we wanted him to settle, and he did that well. I just

him sent off favourite for the let him pop away and moved Christies Foxhunter Chase.

3.30 MILLER PILSNER HANOICAP HUROLE

in the straight and he pinged the last." Mulins added: "We

think he's spot on. We norm-

ally come here before Chelten-

ham because it's good to get a nice day away without a race.

He might have a couple of bits of work but otherwise that il

Naturally Dunwoody is anxious to be at his peak for the

Festival and, after a recent

lean spell, had confirmed his heartening form with a treble at Newbury on Saturday. He

is now just 13 away from Peter

Scudamore's all-time record of career wins. Tony McCoy,

who might one day pass them both, responded with three of

his own, including Gris D'Es-

David Johnson, his owner, now hopes that Martin Pipe

can win him the Arkle with a

French import for the third

year running, after Or Royal in 1997 and Champleve last

year. Rash Remark, successful

for the triumvirate on the

same card, also goes to the

Pestival. "He seems a com-

plete natural," Johnson said.

"As long as it stays on the soft side, he'll go for the Royal & SunAlliance Novices Hur-

dle." Lady Cricket will repre-

sent the same team in the

At Warwick, Castle Mane

preserved hopes that he might

follow in the hoofprints of his

former stablemate, Tecton

Mill. An easy debut success

under Rules will probably see

Champion Hurdle

truval in the novice chase.

be it now."

(£2,786: 2m) (7) (\$2,786: 2m) (/)

1 28-0 TEMPO 93 (0.65) M Paul 7-12-0 F Leaby
2 1211 DORANS WAY 9 (20.55) 6 M Moore 6-11-6 (N Humby 25) 114
3 PP10 KILBLE KING 20 (0.5) 6 Moration 7-(1-5 Cooper (7) 107-4 STOO SEPERITUP 9 (0.05) 6 L Lange 11-10-13 W Downing (5) 828
5 2133 EASTERN PROJECT 22 (0.5) M Harmond 5-10-3
8 Harming 115
6 4-30 WELL APPOINTED 14 (0.5.6.5) 8 Machiner (10-10-2 Mr 8 Ginson (7) 124
7 2121 WELSH MOUNTAIN 20 (0.5) K Mongari 6-10-2 A 5 Straith 120

4.00 MCEWARS LAGER NOVICES HANDICAP

HURDLE (£2,794: 2m 4f) (11) 1 3001 MUTASARPS 20 (F.G. J. Doddo 6-11-10 ... S. Marone (7) 2 -00P CITIZEN KANE 68 0 Sherood 5-10-12 J. Osborna 49

4.30 KROMENBOURG 1664 HANDICAP CHASE (£3,420: 3m) (7)

1 P-SP MERLING DREAM 45 (D.F.G.S) D Sterwood 10-11-10 J Coborne 68 2 4113 DANEYS GORSE 19 (B.C.G.S) J. Johnson 7-11-3 T. Skidali (5) 99 2 4113 DANSTO CUMBLE 19 (CD.F.G.S) LI Todhunia 7-10-10
3 5132 SALEM BEACH 19 (CD.F.G.S) LI Todhunia 7-10-10
C McCourack (5) 89
4 PGOU DESERT BRAVE 12 (5.5) Mrs S Smith 9-10-1 S Dorack (7)20
5 \$140 COMMANDER SLEN 83 (F.G. LI Humanond 7-10-1
B Handing 115 6 PS4F MAYBE O'GRADY 18 (D.F.G.S) W Cambridge 10-10-0 H Shigh 66 7 0150 BIT OF A DREAM 110 (6.5) Mrs 5 Smith 9-10-0 D Eleventh (7) 114

5-2 Salem Beach, 11-4 Danbys Gorse, 5-1 Commander Glen, 11-2 Dasen Brave. Maybe ("Grany, 13-1 Mentans Dream, 25-1 Bit Of A Dossa

5.00 MILLER GENUINE DRAFT INTERMEDIATE OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE

JOCKEYS: J Dishorne, 5 wisners from 5 fides, 100%; N Handilly, 3 from 7, 42.9%, W Douting, 3 from 9, 33.3%, A Magoire, 7 from 23, 30.4%; A Dobbin, 19 from 102, 18.0%.

7-4 Enborne, 3-1 Lobbingslang, 5-1 Mount Steat, 6-1 Bres Hitz, 10-1 Little Wor-sall, Suro The Gossia, Ramember Equinance, 33-1 others.

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

Newbury

(£2,705: 2m) (6)

1.45 (2m 41 ch) 1, Gris d'Estruvel (A P Mc-Coy, 1-3 tsvi; 2, Son of Archen (11-2, 3, Tree Creeper (19-1) 6 ran, 4t, 30, M Pyos, Tota; £1.30; £1.10, £2.20, DF, £2.00, CSF; £2.53. 2.15 (2m5) hatel 1. Rash Raumeti (A P McCoy. 465ab), 2. Boro Sovereign (9-1); 3. Yeoman Sel-or, 3-1; 11 ran. 111. 41 M Papa Tose £1 70; 21.20, £1.80, £1.10 DF £4.20, CSF £6.47. 2.45 (3m ch) 1. Caraysville (A P McCoy, 2-1); 2. Cresse de Guerre (7-4 tay), 3. Para-hancy (7-1), 4 tan, 9. 7. Mass Venetia Wi-teams, Toler 52.70, DF: 12.50, CSF, 55.38 2.15 (2n 110)c h2e1 1, Bicardo (fi Dunecoo). 94;524. 2 Period Veza (64;44e); 3, Kinnes-cent (5-1), 5 an. 5, 35 Mrs J Paman. Tota. 92 70 710, 91 50 DF 12.80 CSF 17.25 2.70 T; 10, £1 50 DF £2.80 CSF: £7.25 3.50 (2m st ch) 1, Ashmell Boy (R Dun-wood), 10-11 fm; 2, Blues (7-2; 3, Stately Home 13-2, 4 cm -2 11; P Hobbs Tota; £1 70 DF £2.30 CSF £4 05. 4.20 (2m 110yd hele) 1, Heart (M Batchelor, 6-1; 2, Cqc; ser Coin (100-90); 3, Pears Bambo sheers fay) 7 cm, 24 ni, Mass H Knight Tota. £2.70; £2.50, £1.70 DF £12.90 CSF: £23.48 4.50 £2m 110ut Bril 1, Openius Horizont (R Galling: 50ft. 1250, 617 DF C1290 CSF: 62849
4.50 g/m 110/d fb(1) 1, Queens Harrbour (F 2.55, 617 12 Summerbe Posh (16-1); 3, Hydermita (7-1); 9 ren: Durnocody, 2-1); 2, Gumerbe Posh (16-1); 3, Hydermita (7-1); 2 Hore Tuney (3-1); 2, String Scries (15-8 tar); 12 era. NR: Ball-Urgithing Scries (15-8 tar); 12 era. NR: Ball-Urgithing Scries (15-8 tar); 12 era. NR: Ball-Urgithing Scries (15-8 tar); 12 era. NR: Disco King. Ship, Kings Grove. Mait Holland, 24, 51 nd. Ms; J. Perren. Tole: 52 70; 51.50, 51.50, 51.50 DF 643 90 CSF 633.14.
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Huntingdon .

Goings soft
1.50 i. High Learis (12-1): 2. Hagts Way
(11-4): 3. Take My Side (5-2 law) 6 zan.
2.25 i. Be Brave (4-7 fav): 2. Captain Biggloc (14-7): 3. Starmford Hill (5-1). 10 zan Mr.
Trust George.
2.55 i. Regermatif (11-8 ji-law): 2. Moonlightor (33-7): 3. Saras Delight (11-8 ji-fav). 7 zan.
NR. Zarnhezi Spint.
an 1. Marth Trune (13-8 fav); 2. Queen's Net Zembezi Spint.

1.25 1. North Tyrie (13-8 fav); 2. Queen's Ride (9-1); 3. Young Thruster (7-2). 8 nan.

4.00 1, Creat An Donas (evens fav); 2. Multer Prince (6-1); 3. Copteen Heró (9-2). 6 nan. Nº Specialize. ren. NPC specialize.
4.30 1, Sursum Cordin (evens lev); 2, Heerens Above (100-30), 3, B The One (2-1), 4
ran. NPC Cordin Queen.
5.00 1, Molstein (10-1); 2, Selze The Day (6-4
tay); 3, Whisbornet (12-1), 10 ran. NP. Amiijonmemories.

Warwick

cen. 4.151, Arthry Royal (11-10 fav); 2. Sun Surt-er (5-2), 3. Green Crusader (5-2), 3 ran. NR Doctum. Deturn. 4.45 1, Caselle Manne (4-11 lov); 2, Despensie (25-1); 3, Rusty Bridge (8-1); 9 ran 5.15 1, Lady Padivor (10-1); 2, Landsbury Lass (12-1); 3, Ester's Gri (14-1). Steel Rose

Wolverhampton Going: standard becoming slow -

7.00 1. Approachable (8-1); 2. Noble Pariot (29-1), 3. Scintilating Sound (18-1) Legand Fath 10-3 law 12 ren. 7.20 1. Wirs Cates (6-1); 2. Mes. Tate (6-4 (av); 3. The Last Word (6-1); 9 (2n. 8.00 1. Seguarro (13-2); 2. The Wid Widow (16-1); 3. Aresch (8-1) Powder Paver 2-1 law 13 ren. 13 raft. 8.20 1, Lost Spirit (7-3); 2, Raywara Boy (4-1); 3, Daunied (11-4). Love Blues 6-4 Lav. 5 ran.

rgn. 9.80 1, Casseo (12-1); 2; Cheluz (7-2 km/; 3, Dande Three (5-2). 11 cm. NR. Tiburg. 9.80 1, Sounde Lucky (4-1); 2, Accorded Gat (5-1); 8, Done And Dusted (12-1) - Seven Springs 2-1 km, 13 ron.

Cause of snow.

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LEADERS OVER THE JUMPS **JOCKEYS**

Charlie Strong shows promise

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

ONE way of gauging the qualiment in the intermediate was ty of young horses in a sport which is now fulfilling its aim to be a nursery for National Hunt racing is to apply the Paul Nicholls factor. If he is present at a meeting, the chances are he is assessing horses which will join his yard in the future. After Saturday's Duke Of Beaufort meeting he had few complaints about the progress of Charlie Strong

and Satshoon. The pair provided a double for their rider, Tim Mitchell, and trainer. Richard Barber, with six-year-old Satshoon (4-9) coasting to victory in the men's open from five rivals who included a disappointing Lord Relie.

Charlie Strong's assign-

a lot tougher. He faced a throng of talented opponents which did credit to their connections for taking on the chal-

In the event, Charlie Strong (4-5) was all out to each the seven-year-old mare. Jilly Wig, a few yards from the line. Twenty five lengths back in reel, at 35,000gns the most expensive pointer sold at auction last year, while also-rans included such talents as The Hobbit: who blundered out of contention six fences from home. Southern Flight. Givus A Hand and Mr Dennehy.

Nicholls, admitting he has a near impossible task in gaining improvement from horses

215-miler". Clive Hitchings, owner of Thatsforcel, was pleased with his horse's run against race-fit opponents. "He'll come on a

trained by Barber, said Char-

lie Strong "should make a nice

lot for the run and wants faster ground than this." he said. Elsewhere. Grimley Gale (1-3) warmed up for Cheltonvictory at the Easton Harriers - she must have good or fast-

er ground to run at the Festival - while Caroline Tuffin, 18, rode her first winner at the East Devon on Blue Laws (o-f). Former women's champion Shirley Vickery was taken to hospital after a fall at this meeting bul suffered only a badly bruised elbow.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER 1.40 Shontaine. 2.10 Batsman. 2.40 Country Orchid. 3.10 Quezon City. 3.40 Euro Venture. 4.10 Scathebury. 4.40 Linea-G. 5.10 Mach One.

GOING: STANDARD TOTE JACKPOT MEETING DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

1.40 RETFORD HANDICAP (Div t £2,347: 1m) (14 numers)

101 -061 HEVER SOLF SLORY 18 (0.6) C Xeben 5-9-10 J Williams 14 102 500- MOVING PROCESS 153 Mics 5 Had 4-9-7 ... A Micsione 1 103 52-11 WINDSTRY 7 (V.CD) D Sicies 3-9-3 (6cd ... R Winston (3) 13 104 000- MOVING ARROW 142 (0.6.5) Mic LI Reviety 2-9-2 A Colliams 8 105 001- THE STABER 105 (CD.F.G.) J Jenkins 7-8-13 ... K Fation 6 105 5002 ALMADHAR 7 J Eye 4-8-11 ... C Lowetter 10 104 452 SLP 3G 112 (6.5) X Bus 16 69-11 ... R Catan (5) 3 108 -283 WITHOUT FRIENDS 20 (V.D.F.G.S) Mics N Massaday 5-8-10 109 -200 ERUPT 10 (G.S) MI Britan 5-8-9 ... D Memagh (5) 5 110 -463 STATISTICAN 13 (E.D.F.G.S) John Berry 7-8-5 0 Williamson (7) 11

2.10 RETFORD HANDICAP (Div II: £2,347: 1m) [14)

9-2 Prospector's Cove, 6-1 Cool Secret, 7-1 Impelling, 8-1 Matalisidesh, Gain Line, Karansa, 10-1 Batarran, Moorkight Ris, 12-1 Others.

2.40 SKEGBY MAIDEN STAKES (£2,815: tm 4() [11) 301 90-0 ANDAMAN 19 D Nurry; Srdh 5-9-12 ... N Calan (5) 9
302 -232 ROBELLITA 13 (8P) B Serart 5-9-12 ... P Goods (5) 2
303 -42 CHRILAPN 7 Beb. Innex 4-9-10 ... A Day 4
304 -27 COPENHACIS 202 P Ceb- 4-9-10 ... Cartier 1
305 - FETEN REIS 39J D State 4-9-10 ... R Winston (3) 3
306 - KENT P Candet 4-9-18 ... S Winston (3) 3
307 - TEPRAZIO 303 J Factorial 4-9-10 ... K Falson 7
308 -55 - COLUMNY OFCHIP 20J Nes M Revelop 8-9-7 ... A Cultime 11
309 -5 MARLENE 321 M Common 4-9-5 ... A Cultime 11
301 -50-2 ARTHURS RINGEROM 31 A Jany 5-8-5 ... L Newton 10
311 -50-6 NILL STORM 41 M. Medulaby 3-8-3 ... Filterion 10 3-7 Constribute 4-1 Robertos 5-1 Anthons Kingdom, 17-2 Mariene, 8-1 Terrazon. 10-1 Charlegin, Country Brokel, 16-1 others.

3.10 NORMANTON HANDICAP (\$2,596. 2m) (11)

401 3215 PPE MUSIC 16 (CD) P Feeten 4-19-0 P Goode (5) 3.
402 0-04 FATHER SYY 27 (0 F.G.S.) D Sherwood 8-10-0 S Carson (7) 10
405 0557 TUKANO 100 (S) J Jerkez 8-9-10 A Culture 9
405 0524 TUKE CAN TELL 71 (6) A 10-125 5-56 Deep McKerom 1
406 05-1 1887 ONE 17 (DD S) New S PER 4-9-4 A McKerom 1
408 07-3 KE'S 607 WINEST (8 F.DD.) M Peril 5-9-4 B Garton 6
407 2407 COLEPTION CITY 24 (S.C.D.) Mcs J Carnetto 5-9-1 A Dochrane 8
407 2439 MIDLARS 17 (7) J Morton 7-8-3 G Sarvett 8
407 2439 MIDLARS 17 (7) J Morton 7-8-3 G Sarvett 8
407 2430 MIDLARS 17 (7) J Morton 7-8-3 P Doc (5) 2
411 4440 Mass LaCrotton 10 Mcs J Condens 8
412 442 CATCAMENT 8 Mcs A Strike 5-7-11 P Doc (5) 2
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3.40 MARKHAM MOOR HANDICAP (TOTE TRIFECTA RACE) (£3,701, 6f) (12)

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4.10 RUFFORD SELLING STAKES

(£1,973. 1m) (16)

7-2 Scathebury 9-2 Avecome Venture, 5-1 Brookute Line, 7-1 Collars Enge, 10-1 Fature Prospecs, 12-1 Tarve Out, 14-1 Others. 4.40 TUXFORD HANOICAP (On 1: £1,903, 1m 4f) (11)

3-1 Linea-G 5-1 Smit, Colonel Custes, 6-1 Vinconi, Alderych Anios, 7-1 Johnnie The Julys 14-1 Alice 20-1 cities 5.10 TUXFORD HANDICAP (Dry IC £1,893: 1m 4f) (11)

2-1 Hibernate 21-2 Mach One, 13-2 Statepack 7-1 Skyets Andle 8-1 Kiner Capters 10-1 Approved Octably, 12-1 Jane Ann. 16-1 Others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANSERS: 65% 5 Hall, 5 witners from 7 women 11 Ast, M Prescott, 25 from 83, 30 fs., 6 Bell, 3 from 10, 30,0%; Mass 5 Million, 11 from 35, 28.2%, M Johnston, 43 from 218, 19.7% JOCKEYS: R Fist-Pariet. 8 notines bern 37 index. 29.6% N Day. 8 hem 37, 21.6% G Harmon. 3 horn 14. 21.4% h Fakon, 19 horn 50, 21.1% N Per-land, 6 horn 29, 20.7%, Komberley Hart. 11 horn 54, 20.4%.

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ment of tomorrow's meeting at Leicester. An inspection yesterday morning found that the track was unraceable. "We've abandoned the meet-

the course, said. It is the fourth meeting Leicester has lost to the weather this jumps season, which has been one of the wettest Lees can recall. "it's as bad as I and our

head groundsman can remember," he said. "You have to go back a lot of years to remember it wetter than this. We have now had ten inches of rain this year, which is ap-

proaching half our annual rainfall - and it is only the

doned this season - just four short of the total for the whole

urday's Doncaster card be-



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FOR THE RECORD

BOWLS YETTON TROPHT: Somi-Brais: Croydon bt Northavon 79-70, Colchester bt Lenester 61-66 Finalt Colchester bt Croydon 97-67

ELEPHANT AND CASTLE, London: Inter-restlonal Bosing Federation inter-conti-nential lightweight title Inscord. S Smith (Kartish Jown) bit G Fest (Brimanchari) ret Th Commonwealth welterweight title: K Jersuen (Ghora, holde) bit G Eastman (Ear-lesses) as I IIII, Intermetional Bosing Or-ganisation Inter-continental suppor mid-deweight title: H Ecottom (Bette-read bit J Pern (Herreworth) rsc 3rd. Cruiserweight Hands). K Abberg (Swe) bit A Wright (Totlon-harn) et Christian ST PAUL, Minnesota: International Box-

ing Federation juritor-thyweight champl-onship: W Gngsby (US, holder) bt C Cac-eres (Phil) pts ATLANTIC CITY: World Boxing Association super-wellerweight championship: D Red (US) bt I, Boudouan (Fr, holder) pt: Middleweight (10mds), R McCracken (GB) bt S Fisher (US) rsc 3th

CRICKET First Test match West Indies v Australia

PORT OF SPAIN (third day of five) At lea Australia, with eight second-innings wicker in hand, are 228 rum; ahead of West Indies AUSTRALIA: First Innings AUSTRALIAE First Immins
J Stater o Dilen o Collins
T G Elfort low b Collins
Lamger o Lacobs b Walen
E Waugh low b Waleh
R Waugh o Lacobs 0 Dillon
S Bleweit libw b Ambrose
A Healy flow b Walet
Warne o Campbell b Ambrose
N Gallespie not out
C G MacGirt b Ambrose

ras (lb 19, nb 4) FALL DF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-51, 3-53, 4-74, 5-118, 6-153, 7-186, 6-203, 9-203 BOWLING: Watsh 31-9-60-3, Ambrose 27-15-35-3, Collins 23-8-45-2, Dillon 26-3-4-69-2, Adams 14-2-41-0. Second Innings MT G Ellioti c Joseph b Walsh... M J Stater not out...... J L Langer & Jacobs b Dillon Fulnas (fb 3, w 1, nb 3).... BOWLING, Walen 13-2-27-1; Ambrose 9-3-14-0; Collins 11-1-34-0; Dillon 10-1-34-1; Adams 3-0-14-0. WEST INDIES: First knings L Campbell low 0 McGrath. Regoonath run out ... RE Joseph Ibw 0 McGrath

THE CLARS RUN OW MICESTAIN
J C Adems 0 MacGill
1 R D Jacobs flow b MacGill
P I Collins flow b McGrath
R 1 C Holder flow b MacGill C E L Ambrose c Slator b McGrath ... M Daton b McGrath ... C A Walsh not out Edras (b 4, fb 2, nb 11) FALL OF WICKETS. 1-16, 2-28, 3-116, 4-149, 5-156, 6-163, 7-163, 8-163, 8-167

BOWLING McGrath 14-3-50-5, Gillespe 12-3-34-0; MacGill 16-5-41-3; Warm 14-4-35-0; Blewett 1-0-1-0 Umpres: PWilley (England) and E A Nichols Asian Test championship Pakistan v India LAHORE flourth day of live) Sn Lanks, with all second-mnings wickets in hand, need 344 runs to best Pakistan

PAKISTAN: First Innings 398 (Wajahatullah Wash 133, Yousuf Youhana 83, Imran Nazir 64, Moin Khan 57; G P Wickremasinghe 6 lor 103). Second Innings

b Kalpage . Extras (b 3. /b 7, nb 9) .

l Of Wickets: 1-156, 2-161, 3-227, 30, 5-254, 6-286, 7-298, 8-314, 4250, 5-254, 6-288, 7-298, 8-314, BOWLING: Vikolmemasinohe 9-1-27-0, De S4-vo 29-5-90-2, Bendaratilieke 25-12-54-2; Ke-loage 20-5-3-92-2; Hathurusinghe 13-2-41-0

Total 328
FALL OF WICKETS 1-84, 2-91, 3-146, 4-156, 5-239, 6-303, 7-320, 8-320, 9-320, Second Innings R P Amoid not out
A Gunawardene not out.
Extras (to 9, nb 2) Total (no wid) 60 BOWLING Wasim Alzam 5-0-25-0, Fazi-e-Avtgs 3-0-15-0, Saqlan Mushtaq 4-3-2-0, Shahid Naor 2-0-9-0

Shahid Nazir 2-0-9-0 Umpres: R E koertzen (South Alnca) and D R Shepherd (England) Tour match President's XI v England A CAPE FOWN (fourth day of live) President's XI, with seven ascond-mangs wickets in hand, need 297 runs to beat England A

5 J Harmson not out. _ Extras (b 4, lb 10, nb 2).

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-0, 2-53, 3-105, 4-107, 5-203, 6-214, 7-233, 8-252, 9-265. BOWLING. Smith 21-43-73-2. Townsend 21-5-55-2, Kemp 9-2-17-1; Abrahams 23-5-58-2, Chookes 20-2-71-3 **FENCING**

PRESSUENT & AS THE PROPERTY OF M van Jaarsveld (bw () Thomas.
F C Brooker run out.
D N Crookes c sub b Swann.
J M Kemp c Swenn () Cosker.
I L Massikazane c Solarin () Cosker.
S Abrahams c Loye b Cosker. ICE HOCKEY

FALL DF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-50, 3-74, 4-120, 5-151, 6-166, 7-171, 6-173, 9-167 BOWLING: Harmison 19-8-40-1; Thomas 13-2-34-1, Filmoff 12-6-19-1; Swann 25 5-4-58-3; Cosker 14-1-41-3.

Total (3 wids) 142
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-25, 3-56.
BOWLING Harmson 10-0-31-2 Thomas
9-3-30-0; Seam 8-2-19-0; Cosker 12-2-29-1,
Finted 8-2-19-0; Solanid 4-0-11-0 Umores: D F Becker and R Brooks Umpres: D F Becler and R Brooks
SHEFFELD SHIELD: Third day of four:
Brisbance Cueensland 413; Victoria 188 and
108 (J Dawes 4-26). Queensland best Victora by an immers and 117 runs. Final day of
four: Sydney: New South Walas 459-5 dec and 188-2 (C J Richards 57, M G Bevan 56 not out). South Australia 362 and 41-2 Match,
drawn Pertit: Western Australia 486-6 dec and 202-5 dec (J R Menyn 100 not out); Tasmana 228 and 248 J Cox 76). Western Australia best Tasmana by 212 runs.

PRESIDENT'S XI: First Innings

CYCLING Road races

PARIS-BOCE RACE: First stage (9 Skm time-Inal, Boulogne to Bifarncount) 1, C
Boardman (GB) 10min 20sec; 2, S O'Grady
(Aus) al 2sec; 3, F Vandenbroucke (Bel) 6, 4. J. Kirapou (Est) 7; 5, A Tchmil (Bel) 7, 6, P Gaumont (Fr) 10. SE-VERBECK RYMER EDDIE SOENS MERIORIAL HANDICAP (Ambre, Morsey-side, 50 miles), 1, 5 Cummings (Birkerhead North End CC) thr 48oin 55sec; 2, 6 Holm-es (Addas-SoCon) at 2sec; 3, J Remsbol-tom (Harrods AT) serie time

KELVIN HALL, City of Glasgow men's opée: 1. R Laroux (Fri; 2. M Statenzand (Ger), oquel 3. M Denns (Fr) and C Moerch (Nor: 5. J.F De Mastino (Fr); 6. F Bouliers (Fr); 7. B Kurowski (Po); 6. J. Jeannet (Fr) British placings: 32. M Bell 32; 46, O Bernman 46.

SEKONDA SUPERLEAGUE: Saturday. Cardif Davis 3 Ayr Scotish Eagles 4 (O7). Cardin Devis 3 Ayr Scotton Leagues 4 (04).

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Bracknell 41 18 17 2 4 139 145 42

Ayr 41 18 18 3 2 132 135 41

Sheffield 42 17 19 4 2 135 141 40

Nowcastle 41 13 24 2 2 111 148 30

London 41 10 24 3 4 112 177 27

CHALLENGE CUP: Semi-finals, seo-leg: Sheffield Steelers 3 Manchester Stor (Sheffield Steelers win 6-1 on agg); Noth ham Panifars 3 Caroff Devils 8 (Noting) Paratiers win 6-5 on agg). Partitiers wn 6-5 on agg).

MATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Pridely: Buffalo 2 Deliza 1; New Jersey 1 Boston 4, Pittsburgh 2 Edmonton 2 (OT); Phoenix 2 Deliza 1; Varnouver 1 Calgary 5 Anahelim 3 New York Islanders 3 (OT). Moother 1 Tampa Bay 6, Ottawa 3 Toronto 1: Washington 4 Edmonton 3, Florida 2 Carolina 2 (OT); San Jose 0 Chaago 4; Los Angeles 1 Calgary 4

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31 24 8 174 159 25 29 10 178 168 23 30 10 165 178 19 35 9 152 198 Edmonton Calgary Vancouver Dallos 38 12 10 177 122 Phoenix 30 22 10 153 146 Anahem 20 25 9 189 153 San Jose 22 26 9 14 142 152 Los Angeles 23 35 5 145 172 **OXFORD TORPIDS**

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St Catherna's, Lincoln, Mexton, Second divisions Oriel II, Wadham, LMH, St Peter's, Transiv, St Jonn's, Ketble, Belloi, University, Jesus, Ny, St Jonn's, Ketble, Belloi, University, Jesus, Neuticol, Mersfield, Tain'd divisions Colas-Green, Worlson, Corpus, Christ, Lincoln, II, Sanne's, Linacre, Magdolen II, Penthole II, Somerville, St Hugh's, Kohle II, Onel III, Fourth divisions Balloi II, Lincoln III, John's II, Brassinose II, New II, Eester II, St-14, University II, LMH II, St Catherna's II, St-14, University II, LMH III, St Catherna's II, Wadham, II, Jesus II, Fritish divisions: St Anne's II, University II, University IV, Benefi's Hall, University III, University IV, Wordster II, Woosen: Piras' divisions: Ostor-Green, New, St Catherine's, University, Permirole, Wadham, Somerville, LMH, Lincoln, Marlon, Cirus Church, Wollson, Second divisions: St John's, Onel, SEH, Queen's, Timity, Balloi, Jesus, St Hilde's, Magdolen, St Peter's, St Anser's, Herfort, Thirds divisions: Worcester, St Hugh's, Eroter, Mansfield, Keble, Liracre, Corpus Christ, St Catherna's II, LNH II, St Arjony's, Merton II, Wolfson II

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READING HEAD OF THE RIVER: 1. Oxlord Brookes A 12min 27:sec (Open witners): 2, less 12:37: 3. Oxford Brookes, B
12:45 (Sentor two witners): 4, Imperial College A 12:48, 6, imperial College B 12:53: 7.
Les A 12:56, 6, Questor one witners: 5. Motesey A 12:48; 6, imperial College B 12:53: 7.
Les A 12:56, 6, Questor or Tower 12:56; 9. Oxlord University Lightweights 13:02: 10, Marlow 13:02. Other division witners: Sentor
three: Radley A 13:18. Sentor four: Abrogdon School A 13:48, Women: Sentor one:
Marlow D 14:27. Women: Sentor over
Lady Eleanor Hotes 14:49.

SAILING CLIPPER ROUND-THE-WORLD RACE: Leg 3d (Yokohama to Shanghai; with miles to Irrish)* 1, Anti (A Thomson) 356; 2, Ans-ope (K Hants) 376; 3, Thermopylae (M Todi 394; 4, Sence (F) Dean) 396; 5, Marmetus (B Sollars) 394; 6, Teeping (N Herning) 419; 7, Chrysolite (T Hedges) 427.

SCHOOLS SPORT ATHLETICS: English cross-country championships (at Luton): Boye: Senitor (8,000m): 1, 5 Vernon (Greater Manchester): 28mm Discr.; 2, Gluivesty (Lancashire) 26.05; 3, C Boll (Beristine): 26:21, Teams: Lancashire): 26:21, Teams: Lancashire; 26:21, Teams: Farah Maddiesen) 21 22 2 1 5 and Maddiesen Maddiesen (2 10 5 2 5 and Maddiesen (2 10 5 an

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HOCKEY

by 1, Bowdon 2, Neston 1, Southport 1 First division, Deeside Hamblers 1, Lytham St Anne's 0, Stockton 2, Durham University II 4, Swatwel 7, Broothands 0, Timperley 3, Springfields 0, Wigan 2, Dornaster 1, buy 3, Southgate 2 Cannock 2, P W D L F A Pts 18 14 3 1 65 25 45 18 14 13 4 672 42 40 18 10 4 4 55 6 35 35 37 18 8 3 7 55 42 27 18 8 8 1 7 55 42 27 18 8 4 5 9 35 57 13 18 2 2 2 14 4 62 8 18 1 2 2 15 30 70 5 Springeds U. Wgat 2 Dorleaser 1, DTZ DEBENHAM THORPE MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Covenity and North Warwicks 1 Edgbaston 2: North Notis 1 Hampton-in-Arden 2, Northsimpton Sants Other Mark War Southgate Canterbury Reading Guildford Beeston Teddington Old L'tomans Bournville Hourislow E Grinstead Harborne v Strewsbury, Lee' v 'Chalsa, North Stafford v Nottingham PREMIER HOLLDAYS EAST LEAGUE: Premier division A: Blueharts 9 Bishop's Stortond 4. Cambridge Cry 3 Bedford Town 3, Cambridge University 2 Cooky 2, Clac-ton 1 Ipswich 4. West Heris 4 Colchester 0,

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: South Africa 1
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WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pre-| WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Promiser division: Saturday: Citton 3 Leacester 0, Hightown 3 townor 2, Postponent Doncaster v Otton: Sutton C v Sough Yesterday: Slough 2 Citton 1. | P W D L F A Pts Slough 12 9 1 2 44 21 28 lipswich 13 9 1 2 44 21 28 lipswich 13 9 1 2 33 17 29 Citton 13 7 2 4 27 20 23 Hightown 13 5 7 1 26 20 22 Cition 12 3 4 5 24 32 13 Leacester 13 3 2 8 21 34 11 Sutton 12 3 0 9 16 30 9 Doncaster 12 2 1 9 21 36 7 FIRST DIVISION: Chelerologic 2 Towns 2 FIRST DIVISION: Chelmstord 2 Troians 2, Sunderland 0 Adradge 1; Wimbledon 0 Con-terbury 8. Postponedt Loughborough Stu-dents v Bradford.

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SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: Black-hostn 2 Winchester 1, Chichester 5 Pich-mond 3, High Wycombe 3 Beckenham 2, Old Chanleighans 3 Madeinhead 3; Old Whighilans 0 Heine Boy 4, Purby 7 Anchotrans 2: Turbindry: Wells 4 Boumemouth 1, Winde-don 3 Cdy of Perssnouth 2; Wolfing 1 Fareham 1, Woldingham 4 Gore Court 2, Hampshire/Surrey: Barnas 0 Tropins 2, Carther-ley 0 Checl 5, Dulwich 0 London University 4; Epsom 7 Fleet 2, Old Mid Whitgillians 1 Haclemere 3, Octhol 8, Andover 3, Portsmouth 3 Goan 1, Spencer 5 (Bandford 4) SECOND DIVISION: Hampton 2 Old Loughtonians 1, St Albans 2 Ealing 0, Sher wood 0 Bracknell 1; Wolong 4 Poynton 2, Hackernera 3, Obshott 8 Andover 3, Port-structur 3 Gran 1, Spencer 5 Blandford 4 Postiponed: Old Georgians v Basingstoke, Kont/Saissen; Brighton 2 Rochester and Gal-nogham 3, Burnt Ash 3 Beekey Innoca 0, East-bourne 2 Middleron/Bognor 5, Lloyds Bank 0 Folkstone 3, Mid Gussers 2 Old Bordenans 0, Old Williamsonans 1 Horsham 4, Sevenooles 3 Marden Russers 4, South Saoons 1 Old Hol-combeans 7, Tulser Hall 1 BBHC 1, Worthing 2. Astriord 2. Middlor/Berks/Bucks: and Oxone Famham Convenor 2 Gersards Cross 6, Lions 2 Phoenix 0, Million Keynes 4 Marlow 2. Astriord 3 West Harngstead 2, Newbury 1 City of Oxford 0, PHC Chewick 1, Hayes 3, Reinings Park 4 Hendon 3, Sonning 2 Old Ringstonians; 3, Stanes 3 Abingdon 0, Sun-bury 0 Ramigara 1.

BASKETBALL

Hampton 13 3 1 9 20 38 10

WOMEN'S REGIONAL, LEAGUES: East:
Ashtord 3 Bueharts 4; Bury St. Edmunds 1
Dereham 0; Combo C 1 Harleston 1; Sevenosks 2 Letichworth 0. Standings: 1, Harleston
30pt; 2, Sevenoolsk 27, 3, Ipswich 122, Midlands: Luton 0 Crimson R 0, At other matchespostpooled. North: Chester 1 Levand M 0;
Liverpool 2 Deesade R 0; Shelfleid 3 Winnington Pk. 0 Postpooled: Blackburn v Don Valley, Standings: 1, Deesade 34; 2, Chester 24,
3, Liverpool 23, Souths Dulwich 2 Horsham 0;
Madenhead 3 Reading 1; Hower 44; 2, Dulwich 44; 3, Tulse Hill 35, West: Bournemouth
2 Leomastar 0; Exister 3 St. Austel 1; Eurouth
4 Cheltenham 1, Poteshead 2 Colwell 3; T
Vale 2 Redand 2 Standings: 1, Eurouth 36;
2, Colwell 36; 3, Essler 30 NORTHERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Pre-toler division: Ban Fitydding 5 Wanngton 0; Durham University 6, Rotherham 1; Form-

Seturday: Cleveland 97 Golden State 80; Orlando 87 Detroit 82, San Antonio 114 Los Angeles Clippers 85: Sacramento 111 Price-nix 99; Houston 107 Vancouver 92.

Eastern Conference

Central division

Indiana Mitwaukee Detroit Atlonta Claveland Toronto Charlotto Chacago

Portland LA Lakers Seattle Phoenox Sacramen

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GOLF

IS, PRIGODOM (SWE) 72, 73, 74, 70

LEADRING EUROPEAN RYDER CUP PO-STITIONS (Great British and Ireland Inflaest stated); 1, G Montgoment 5,880pts; 2, D Clarke 3,453; 3, L Westwood 3,472 4, M A Jirrelnez (Sp) 2,954, 5, 5 Struver (Ger) 2,880; 6, A Celha (Ger) 2,438, 7, D Howell 2,302; 6, R Karlsson (Swe) 2,294; 9, A Coltart 2,162, 10, P Sjoland (Swe) 2,122 CANBERRA: Australian Tour champion hip: Leaders after three rounds (Australia unless stated): 206: P O'Mal-y 65, 69, 72, 209: S Leaney 66, 71, 69, 210: J Moseley 70, 69, 71; S Laycock 68, 69, 73, 211: E Walters 68, 75, 89 M Cair 68, 77, 73, 212: P Walters 68, 75, 89 M Cair 68, 77, 73, 212: P Walters 68, 75, 88; M Cain 68, 70, 73, 21,2: P Gow 73, 71, 68, T Carotan 71, 70, 71; C Spence 69, 72, 72, R Pampling 71, 68, 72, N Smith 70, 68, 76, P Senior 70, 69, 73, 213: R Byrd (US) 70, 75, 88, G Cotes 74, 88, 70; L Leggat (Can) 72, 68, 72, D McKarote 70, 68, 76, S Wearne 70, 66, 77, Other scornes: 217: D Watson (Engl 69, 71, 77, 218; J Benepe (US) 70, 71, 77, 219; R Gibson (Can) 74, 72, 73.

(Can) 74, 72, 73.

MAMI, Florida: Doral-Ryder Open: Leaders after three rounds (United States unless stated): 206: G Kraft 68, 67, 70, 207: G
Day 69, 71, 67; E Els (SA) 71, 66, 70, 208: S
Duntap 67, 72, 59, A Bean 70, 69, 69, 209: J
Leonard 72, 69, 69, C Riley 88, 72, 69, J
Haas 70, 69, 70, E Tolado (Mex) 68, 70, 71; K
Jones 70, 69, 71, T Armour III 67, 71, 71; G
Chairners (Aus) 71, 68, 72, 210; D Tons 70,
73, 67, C Stadior 72, 71, 67; MWer (Can) 71,
71, 68, W Andrade 72, 70, 68, G H-II 71, 69,
70, P Jordan 70, 70, 70, B Burns 67, 72, 71,
P H Horgan 69, 70, 71, Other accures: 211:
5 Eldington (Aus) 72, 70, 69, J Parsevit
(Swe) 71, 70, 70, N Price (Zim) 72, 89, 70,
212: G Norman (Aus) 71, 73, 68, P Spland
(Swe) 72, 71, 69; G Hightstedt (Swe) 69, 72,
71, 214: D Frost (SA) 72, 71, 71, 215: B Langer
(Gar) 71, 73, 71, 218: T Brom (Den) 72,
71, 75, 221: D Serna (Mex) 73, 69, 79.



Mark Steifensand, facing, puts his best foot forward to force Matthieu Dennis onto the defensive in the semi-finals of the City of Glasgow men's epée international yesterday

2, Z Oueziz (Mor.) 8:38.43; 3, F Jacobs (US) 8:39 14.4 x 400m retary; 1, Russia 3:24.25 (world record), 2, Australia 3:26,87; 3, Unit-ed. States 3:27.59. Triple (ump; 1, A Harssen (GB) 15.02m; 2, [Prandzheva (Bul) 14.94; 3, B Kasperkova (Cz) 14.87.

Cross country

ATHLETICS

Lloyds TSB Five Nations Championship 33 Walos

RUGBY UNION

· 16 England 27 Ireland: Pens: Humphrays 5. England: Tries: Perry. Rodber, Com: Wildrison, Pens: Wildrison 4. Dropped goal: Grays-on HT: 9-11. Ast: 49,000.

International match 30 Italy Scotland: Tries: Logan. C. Murray: Townsend, Consc Logan 3, Pens: Logan 3, thely: Tries: Martin 2, Cost: Dominguez, HT: 20-12, Att: 25,756.

nham and Gloucester Cup 33 Balta Newcontie: Tries: J Naylor 3, Cartmell, Vy-vyan, Const Andrew 4, Settle Tries: Lyle 3, Websier, Const Callett 3, Pent Callett, RT: 46.29, 449-795 & Glauces

Waterloon Try: Blyds, Pent L Griffiths. Jewson National League First division

Second division north Hinckley 34 Aspetrix 10

PW D L F A Pts.

Preston G 22 19 0 3 663 296 38
Stourbridge 22 18 0 4 715 349 38

Second division south Ciliton Bracknell Esher N Walsham Barlong Met Police Norwich Weston-G-M Tabard Redirah Cidon

MIDLANDS: Broadsteet 32 Syston 1. MORITH: Widnes 21 Bridington 9. SOUTH WEST: Poetponed: Benslaple Madenhand. WELSH LEAGUE: Float division: Post-poned: Rumney v South Wales Phice. Tennent's Velvet Cup

Conner than Boroughmoir: 16 Heriot's PP 15 Boroughmair: Try: I McDonald Con: C Howarth, Penat C Howarth S, Heriot's FP: Penat Ross 5, HT: 16-3 Tennent's Velvet Premiership First division -

Carrie . 20 Jed-Forest 21 Currie: Tries: Bowie 2. Coms: Donaldson 2. Peers: Donaldson 2. Jed-Fornis: Tries: Leidiow, Uddie. Com: C Richards. Pena: C Richards 3. Stirting County 14 Hamilok, 24 Shriling County: Tries: Fraser, Wylia. Const: Maller 2. Hamilok: Tries: Cranston. Suddon, Turnbull. Cone: Murdle 2. Sharpe. Perc Sharpe.

Second division Dundee HSFP 22 Kirkenkty. 32 Kilmenock 29 Selkirk 14 Third division. Stewart's Med 23 Ayr WORLD CUP QUALIFYING MATCH: Re-pechage, Start leg: Tonge 37 Georgie 6 (in Nutarialote).

SUPER 12 TOURNAMENT: Olego High-braders 65 Northern Bulls (SA) 23; Walkalo Chlofs 17 Cusensland Reds 19, Golden Cats (SA) 10 New South Wales Warstins 39; Wellington Hurricanes 22 Western Stormers (SA) 24.

RUGBY LEAGUE

JJB Super League Bradford 16 Shelfield Bradford: Tries: Lowes, McAvoy, Withers. Goals: H Paul S. Shoffield: Try: Watson. Goal: Aston. Att: 12,044. Castleford: 12 Wakefield: 16 Cheffeford: Try: Maloney Goels: Or 4. Waterfield: Tries: Crouthers, Poching, Goel: Hodgson, Att 7,233. Hattax 14 Warrington 16 Hattax: Tries: Moans, Privney, Goele: Ho-royd 3, Warrington: Tries: Kohe-Love, Mc-Curie, Penny, Goele: Briers 2, Att. 4,679, London 24 Huddersfield 16 London: Tries: Fleming, Hammond, Oll-ah, Tollett. Goels: Warton 4 Huddersfield: Tries: Chestham 2, Weston. Goels: Gould-ing 3. Alt: 2,278.

Salford 12 St Helens 30 Salford: Tries: Crompton, Heyes. Goele: Biokoley 2 St Helens: Tries: Long 3. New-love 2, Sculmorpe. Goele: Long 3. Alt: 6,378. Northern Ford Premiership Barrow 30 Feetherstone 16 Barrow: Tries: Finodes 2, Lucon, Manihore, Whiter: Gools: Holt 5. Feetherstone: Tries: Barroald, Smonds. Good: Chapman. Att: 1,138.

Batley: Tries: Price 2. Humalet: Tries: Fat-nowna, Fielcher. Goals: Fielcher 3. Att: 847. nowna, Hatcher, Goale: Fletcher 3. Att: \$47.
Kalghtey: Thies: Calvert, Larder, York: Thies:
Barn, Lambert, Goat: Barn, Att: 1,878.
Lancashire Lyruc Tries: P Jones 2, Walsh,
Goale: P Jones 4 Dropped goale: Flanagar 2. Deresbury: Try: Godfrey, Goales: Eaton 4. Att: \$80. Leigh 24 Whitehoven 20 Leight Tries: K Pariil 2, Hadorofi, Hilton, Marray, Goale: D Puriil 2 Whitehoven: Tries: Soods 2, Kilchen, Goale: Kitchen 4, Att: 1,124. 23 Branday Swinter: Tries: Ceary, Eccles. McCabe.
Goele: Watson 4, Gerland. Dropped goel:
Gerland. Bramley: Try: A Gibbons. Goele:
A Gibbons 2. Att. 867. Widnes 6 Rochdaio Widnes Gosla: Hawiti 3. Rochdale: Gosla: Fizgerald. Altz 2,684.
Worklington 22 Doscaster 22 Worklington: Tries: Fother 2. Closs. Gosla: Closs 5. Doscaster: Tries: Allie Goulbourre 2. Closl, Sommerfill, Gosla: Crosser 3. Att 1,000.

POSTPONED: Hull KR v Olcham. POSTPONED: Hull KR v Oldham.

NATIONAL CONFERNENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Asiam 6 Wainey Central 8: Sacidieworth 35 Castiletord Look Lare 6; Sichesphaz Leigh MR 10. Poetponed: Byverley East Hull v Oldham SI Arniver: Heworth v Weet Hull; Thornhill v Egremon; Wigen St. Paintak a v Woolston. Pirat division: Serrow Island 16 East Leeds 32, Leigh East 52 Roddele Mayled 20. Poetponeeth Dulley Hill v Featherston: Lions, Millord v Wigen SI. Jude's; Outhon v Modgreen Recht v Shew Cross; Siddel v Millorn, Second division: York Acom 17 New Eastwick 18. Poetponeeth Blackbrook v Keighley Alb; Ideal begring v Dewsbury Moor, Normanton v Doownth, Ovenden v London Skoins; Croslielde v Ecides.

AUSTRALIAN MATIONAL LEaguity-Sch. HOUSE V ECCUSE.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL LESIGUE: Setunder: Newcastle 41 Menty 18: Partemette
20 St. George-Hewarra 10. Sunday: North
Sychey 30 Western Suburbs 12. Cronulis 44
Balmein 0; South Sydney 18 Carperbury 14.

Cross country

UDCBRIDGE: South of England veterans champlonships: Men | 106m), 1, M Walting (Backheath) 36mn 25sec; 2, R Williams (Eseter) 36:27, 3, T Jones (Vale of Aylesbury) 36:29 Over-48: 1, S Over (Ivane Valley) 36:38, 3, PWitcomb (Brighton and Hove) 37:10, 3, G Seward (Exeter) 37:24. Teams: 1, Nene Valley 35pts; 2, Brighton and Hove 59, 3, Blackheath 123. Over-50: 1, G Wootton (Woodlord Green) 37:37:2, J Willouchby (Queen's Park Hamers) 37:34, 3, J Evicy (Oddord Crity) 37:48. Over-60: 1, R Graham (Windson, Slough and Elon) 40:42; 2, A - Malston (Crawley) 41:40; 3, G Harrold (Enfeld) 41:6. Teams: 1, Oddord Crity 36: 2, Poole Rumners 41, 3, Hercules Windledon 141. Over-60: 1, T Pathroppe (Favering Mayesbrook) 41:51, 2, K Space (Thames Hare and Hounde) 42:9; 3, G Gee (Cambridge Hanters) 42:9; 3, G Gee (Cambridge Hanters) 42:9; 3, G Gee (Cambridge Hanters) 42:35 Over-60: 1, Higgs (Borner) 40:20: 1, Verlea 52; 3, Buckheath 100 Over-70: 1, A Smith (Farishnids Valley Spartans) 59:18; 2, B Todd (Blackheath) 1,01:43; 3, G Keel-Anonis, Dudwisson, Dilmor and McCamp-bell), 2. Poland 303.01, 3, Great Brigan, 303.20 (A Conclon, 5 Wanso, A Partick, and J Baulich). High hump: 1, J Stotmayor (Cuba) 2,36m, 2, V Voronn (Russ) 2,36; 3, C Austin (US) 2,33. No maint; 5 Smath (GB) Heptarthion: 60m hordless: 1, L Lo-bodin (Russ) 7 61sec; 2, T Dvorak (Cz) 7,84; 3, C Huffris (US) 7,91; 4, R Sabrie (C2) 7,94; 5, 5 Chimara (Pol) 8,06; 6, J A Magnusson (Co) 8,08; 7, E Nool (Est) 8,16; 8, D Szabo (Hun) 8,18. Women: 60m; Pi-nal: 1, E Tranou (Cr) 6,66m; 2, G Devers (US) 7,02; 3, I Muler (US) 7,08 400m; Pi-nal: 1, G Breuer (Gar) 50 80sec; 2, F Ogunkoya (Nigera) 51,25; 3, J Mies-Clark (US) 51 45 800m; Pinal: 1, L Formanova (C2) (Inn 59,90sec; 2, M Mulole (Moz) 1:57 17, 3, N Tsyganova (Russ) 1:57 47, 3,000m; Final: 1, G Szabo (Rom) 8:36 42; STRATHCLYDE PAPRC Scottleh 10km charaptonshiper Mers 1, G Stewart (Mczuno) 25mm 36sec; 2, D Ross (Mczuno) 30: 11, 3, A Puckrin (Kibarchen) 30: 18 Teams: 1, Mczuno 87pts, 2, Straffich/de 151, 3, City of Edinburgh 208 Wortens: 1, F Lothern (Frigo) 35: 18, 2, T Thompson (Belcock: Persewe) 35: 15, 3, B Feinweafter (Glesgow University 35: 32, Teams: 1, City of Glesgow 20pts, 2, Glesgow University 42; 3, Straffievin Ladies 49 **GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD**

TODAY

Lancester Riders 29 7 22 14
Worthing Beans 31 4 27 8
MATIONAL LEAGUE: Ment: First difvisions:
London T 100 Braton 86, Mid Sussex 106
Cardifl C 63, Sohhuli 86 Plymouth 93; Stevenage 84 Coverning 87; Teestack 119 Cardifl P
26 Second divisions Tournemouth 91 Liverpool 84 Finishme 64 Stough 67; Manchester 84 Chessington 63, Tharnes Valley 31 Birmingham 85; Third divisions: Barking and bagentam 84 N London 69, Donaster 69; Rull 75; Wanness First divisions: Barking and bagentam 84 N London 69, Donaster 69; Rull 75; Wanness First divisions: Barking and 58 Shelliefd 48; Tharnes Valley 74 Birmingham 51; Septema divisions: Manchester 58; Wandsworth 49, Solent 47 Plymouth 58
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NIBA): Friday: Boston 102; Derver 94, Indiana 83
Golden State 102; Phaledelphia 78 Mennis Washington 86 Charlotte 86; Toronto 84
Criando 89, Milwantene 88 New York 67, Utah 106 Dallas 95, Portland 97 Minnesota 85 Los Angeles Lakers 103 Seattle 100

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Saturday: Greater London Leopards 84 Sheffield Sharks 77, Lencester Reders 86 Chester Jess 107, London Towers 77 Debry Storm 65, Manchester Gamts 94 Newcastle Eagles 92, Tharmas Valley Tigors 95 Matter Keynes Lons 69, Worthing Bearts 78 Birmingham Buffets 92, Yearbridge Echnburgh Rocks 99 Greater London Leopards 80.

Manchester Ganns Sheffield Sharks Thames Valley Tigers Derby Storm Brimmigham Bullets Newcastle Eagles London Towers Creater London

London Towers Greater London Mitton Keynes Lions Edinburgh Rocks Checter Jets Laccester Riders Worthing Beans

FOOTBALL . Kick-off 7 30 unless stated Auto Winderseog Shield Northern section Semi-final

Rochdale v Wloan (7.45)... Terment's Scottish Cup Fifth round

Greenock Morton v Celtic (7.45) ... DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier divi-sion: Worcester City v Szisbury ISTHIMAN LEAGUE CUP: Fourth round: Bornham Wood v Markwr; Meldenhead v Sut-ton Uld: Third round: Chesham v Bromley RYMAN LEAGUE: Premier division: St Al-trans v Heyonoge First division: Cerkhams-ed v Oxford City, Leyton Pennant v Leather-nead: Romford v Hitcher, Stanes v Croydon; read: Romigrd' v Highes, Stames v Croydon; Wembley v Chensey, Whyteleate v Bognor Regs Worthing v Yeading, Second division: Abrigdon Town v H Hempstead; Bansead v Barding; Edyavare v Hardinn, Hungestod v Wivenhoe, Met Police v Leighton Town Town Towng and Micham v Henfurd, Windsor and Econ v Brachnel. Wohlingham v Northwood Third division: Camberley Town v Croydon Athetic East Thurnock v Town, Egham v Wingde and Findhey Egsom and Evell v Captor Ford Utd v Kingsbury, Homehurch v Lowes, Puma Cup: Fourth rounds Outwich Hamlet v Weatdstone. AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Cheises y Brighton (70),

atlord y Arsenal (at Northwood).

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Evenon v Lacester (7.0). ARNOTT INSURANCE NORTH LEAGUE First division: Newcastle Blue Stary Stock SPARTAN SOUTH MID LANDS LEAGUE: Premier division lingtion Borough v Somerseit Ambury

OTHER SPORT BOWLS: British Isles indoor champion-ships (in Bournemouth) TOMORROW '

FOOTBALL Kick-off 7.45 unless stated FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Arsenal v Shelfield Wednesday NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First divisions

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First divisions Belton v Barnsley (3 0), Bradford v Sunderleach Presto Chry Bury, Crysta Palace v Inswich; Grimsbyv Queens Park Pangers; Norwich v Port Vale; Orfert Utid v Huddersfield; Portsmouth v Shetfield Utd. Stockpor v
Swindon, Tranmere v Birmingham, Wolverhampton v Crewe Second diviniers. Bournemouth v Bristol Rovers, Burnley v
Manchester City; Colchester v Oldham, Lincoln v Windham; Lino v Fulfram, Macciesfield v Grillingham; Notts County v Wycornbe, York v Blackpool Thaird divisions. Burnley v Carliste, Bresiford v Peterborough; Ost, Halfata, v Scunthorpe; Hartlepool v Loylon Onent (7 30) Mancfield v Exiter; Plymouth v
Iorquay, Strewsbury v Rotherham, Swansea v Darlington.

sal NATIONWIDE CONFERENCE: Chellen-ham v Herelord, Dorcaster v Northwelt, Hayes v Forest Green, Kettering v Fambor-ough: Kingstonian v Kotlemmister. Bush-den and Dumonds v Stevenege SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Third division: Dumberton v Albion (7:30), Rose County v Brechin (7:30).

MAEBASHI, Japan: World Indoor championahips: Saturday: Ment: 200m: Final: 1, F Fredencis (Nam) 20 (Sec. 2, D Thompson (Barb) 20.26, 3, K Letle (US) 20.48, Heptathion: 60m: 1, C Huffins (US) 6 (579e); 2, E Nool (Est) 6.63; 3, L Lobodin (Russ) 6.67, 4, R Sather (C2) 6.94; 5, T Dwonk (C2) 6.95, 6, J A Magnusson (ce) 6.99, 7, D Szato (Hur) 7.05, 8, S Chmara (Pol) 7 14 Heptathion: Long Jusque; 1, Nool 7 80m; 2, Sebrie 7.76; 3, Magnusson 7 69, 4, Chmara 7 62, 5, Dorcak 7 61; 6, Huffins 15, 43; 7, Szabo 7 29, 6, Lobodin 7 16 Heptathion: Stock 1, Dorcak 18, 70m; 2, Magnusson 18 08; 3, Chmara 15 68, 4, Lobodin 15,86; 5, Huffins 15 53; 6, Sebrie 15 22; 7, Nool 14,87; 8, Szabo 13 69 Pole vasult Final: 1, J Galfione (Fr) 50m; 2, J Herfwig (US) 5 98; 3, D Exter (Gent 5.85, No Jusque; N Buckfield (GB) Wosser; 2,5 Goncharenko (Russ) 22.69; 3, P Davis (Bah) 22,70; 1,500m; Final: 1, G Szabo (Rom) 4,03 52, 3, L Chojecte (Pol) 4.05 6, Long jump: Final: 1, T Kotova (Russ) 6 66m, 2, S Wilsams (US) 6.82, 3, Pranchreva (Bul) 6 78 Sbot: Final: 1, V Paviysh (Rid) 21,45m, 2, 1 Kortherenko (Russ) 20 58; 3, S Kraelyova (Russ) 19 8 Yesterday: Ment 60m; Final: 1, N Greene (US) 6.42; 2, T Harden (US) 6.43; 3, J Gardenker (GB) 6.46 Other

Track and field

RUGBY UNION WELSH LEAGUE: Premier division: Ebbw Vale v Aberavon (7.0): Llaneli v Bridgend (7.0). First division: Cross Keys v Pontypool (7.0). CLUB MATCH: Sale v Scotlish Districts (745)

OTHER SPORT HOCKEY: Vereilly exatches (at NHC, Ma-lon Keynes); Men (2.30), Women (4.30). TABLE TENNIS: English Open (in Great WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL FA CUP: Quarter-final replay: Chalses v FA CUP: Quarter-Ruel repeay; crasses v Manchester Und FA CARLING PREMEERSHIP: Blackburn v Everton (7.45), Derby v Aston Villa (7.45), Leeds v Totanham (7.45), Nothingham For-sist v Newcastle (7.45) NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Second divi-sion: Stoke v Reading (7.45) SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Chydebank v Falkrik (7.30) OTHER SPORT

British placing: 7, J Livingston 8,63, 400m: Finals 1, J Baulch (GB) 45,73 sec; 2, M Campbett (US) 45,99; 3, A Cardenes (Meg) 45,02,800m: Finals 1, J Bothe (SA) 1,45,74; 4, B Korany (Hun) 1,45,47; 5, J Notan (Ire) 1,47,77, 1,500m: Finals 1, H Gebreslasse (Em) 3,30 sec; 3, A Diaz (Sq) 3,48; 44; 4, W Tarru (Ken) 3,33 98; 3, A Diaz (Sq) 3,34 86; 4, W 400e: relay: 1,000m; 5 King 3,45 5,4 x 400e: relay: 1,000m; 5 Verson, D Minor and M Campbett), 2, Potend 3,03,3 or and M Campbett), 2, Potend 3,03,3 or as British placing: 9, E King 3,45 5,4 x 400e: relay: 1,000m; 5 Verson, D Minor and M Campbett), 2, Potend 3,03,01, 3, Great Britan 3,03,20 (A Condon, 5 Wanso, A Partick and

BADRINTON: All-England champonships (in Bammigham). BASKETBALL: Budwelser Leegue: Der-by Storm v Edinburgh Rocks (8 0). HOCKEY: Mean's representative match in Portsmouth, 2 301 Army v British Police THURSDAY BASKETBALL: Budweiser Lengue: Great-er London Leopards v Manchester Giants

(70) HOCKEY: Men's representative match (a Portsmouth, 110): Army v Civil Service

FRIDAY FOOTBALL. NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Second divi-sion: Brisici Riovers v Fulham (7 45) RUGBY LEAGUE

NORTHERN FORD PREMIERSHIP: Oxi-nam v Barrow (7 45) OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: Budwelser League: New-castle Eagles v Leicester Ridors (7 30). MOTOR RALLYING: Vaushall Rally of

SATURDAY FOOTBALL Kick-off 30 KCK-OTT SU FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Chelses v West Harr. Coventry v Blackburn, Detty v

Aston Ville, Wimbledon v Nottingham Forest.

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division:
British v West Branwich, Botton v
Cutiens Park Rangers; Bractiond v Notwork:
Bury v Barnsley, Grimsby v Sundersend, Ibewich v Huddersfield. Oxford Utd v Walterd;
Port Vale v Stockport; Portsmouth v CrystalPalace, Swindon v Crew, Tranmere v Shefield Utd: Wokerhampton v Bristol City Seconal division: Blackpool v Wreeham;
Bournemouth v Reading, Lincoln v Chasterfield, Lution v Siolos, Maccelesield v Colchester, Manchester City v Otcham; Milwall v
Walaat; Note: County v York; Wiggen v Gilingham, Wycombe v Northampton: Third division: Barnet v Cambridge Utd. Brentord v
Shrewsbury; Bighton v Daringlon, Cardiff v
To rquay. Chester v Scunthorpe, Haliaz v
Carliste; Layton Orlent v Hutl, Manskeld v Rochdale, Peterborough v Swansee, Plymouth
v Hartlepoot, Scarborough v Rotherham,
Southend v Esster.

NATIONWIDE CONFERIENCE: Donesster
v Hayes; Formborough v Barnow; Forest

NATIONWIDE CONFERENCE: Doncaster + Hayes; Familiorough v Banow, Forest Green v Ködemmister, Morecambe v Woking Rushdan and Diamonds v Lesk; Southport v Dover, Stevanage v Chetenham; Tellord v Northwich; Welling v Knigstonier; Teovil v Hereford SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE: Aberdeen v Celtic; Dunder, Rangers v Motharwell, S. Johnstone v Kilmamook. St. Johnstone v Kansantoo.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Archine v Stranger. Cyclobank v Hibernian, Fellorik v St. Minren; Greenook Morton v Raith, Second division; Forlar v Artrostn. Inverness CT v East Fife: Livingston v Queen of South, Pertick v Chide, String vill-te. Third division: Bennick v Durobeton, Cowdenbeath v Ross County, East String v Sterthousernoir: Montrose v Brectim; Queen's Park v Albon

Road running

RUGBY UNION Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

ALLIED DUNGBAR PREMIERSHIP: First division: London Scottish v Bedford, Northsmotion Lenester (4.0); Flchmond v Beth; Sale v Saracens Second division: Bristol v Blactheath; Coventhy v Rugby, Moseley v Exister Rotherham v London Welsh; Wale-field v Flyde, Worceser v Waterloo.

JEWSON NATIONALLEAGUE Plast division: Camberley v Manchester; Henley v Wherhoddle; Lydney v Liverpool 31 Halens, Montey v Harrogate, Newbury v Notingham, Odey v Brinnightan/Schlutt Reading v Rosslyn Park. Second division north: Henckey v Whatchurch, New Brighton v Kandar, Nuneston v Sodigey Park; Pession Grasshoppens v Lichfleid, Sandal v Accente; Snotphotoge v Shelflert Walesti v Winnington Park. Second division south: Earling v Brachnet; Endoyster v Norwich; Catton v Redmith; Esher v Weston-Spering South Walesham v Chellenham.

WELSH LEAGUE: Premier division: Aberaron v Casephilly (2.30); Endogend v Lienell (2.30); Elbow vide v Neath (2.30), Pontypool v Newbridge (2.30); Finst division: Blackwood v Durward (2.30); Fins Kick-off 3.0 unless stated ALLIED DUNBAR PREM

TENNENT'S VELVET PREMIERSHIP;
First division: Hawait v Curre; Harlot's FP v
Boroughwus; Melmae v Glasgow Hawait,
Watsonisms v Jed-Forest; West of Scotland v
Stiring Courny, Second divisions: Aberdeen
GSFP v Sellaric Boggar v Kalso; (Simemock v
Edmburgh Acadas; Kirkeddy v Dundae HSFP,
Musselburgh v Gala, Third divisions: Berwick
V Preson Lodge: East Kibride v Ayr, Grangemouth v Gordonians; Peebles v Glasgow
Southern; Stewert's Mel FP v Glaronians.
AIB LEAGUE: First divisions: Buccariets
v Young Munster (2:30); Contest v Cork Constructor (2:30); Garyowen v Backrock College (2:30); Lansdowine v Bellymannen (2:30); Simmon v Galwegians (2:30); St May's v
Tersnure (2:30); Second divisions: Bellymahanch v DLSP (2:30), Bectine Fangers v
Greystones (2:30); Dolphin v Durgamon
(2:30); Malone v Sunday'i Well (2:30); Old
Balvedora v Starrias (2:30); Portsdown v
Derry (2:30); UCc v Old Weslay (2:30); Wanderars v Old Crescar (2:30).

PILIGEY LEACUE

RUGBY LEAGUE SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Outster final: Castleford v Selford (3.0).

OTHER SPORT OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL Uni-ball Trophy: Frust:
Manchester Gients v Dedby Stown (et NEC
Arena, Brimingham, 7.0).

BOOMS: Bowler's Mightchub, Merchester: European super-bartsaweight title:
M Brodie (Manchester, holder) v S Medijoure (Fr). Europeans, Commonwealth and British light-baryweight titles; C Ashley (Leeds, holder) v C Woods (Shelfield) Vacant British and Commonwealth styrelight titles: D Kely (Bellast, holder) v A Harra, Ellmingham). HOCKEY: Women's National League: Premier division: Fylias Leicelder v Don-caster (12.0); Otton 1 v Citton (19.0); Stough v Ipswich (at Cressest C. 12.0), Suron Coli-field v Hightown (at Cannock HC, 12.0). SUNDAY

FOOTBALL .

FA CAPLING PREMERSIEP Middles-brough v Southempton (4 0)
NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Second divi-sion: Burnley v Preston (1.0).
SCOTTISH PREMER LEAGUE: Aber-deen v Cellic (6.05). RUGBY UNION

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Court of Appeal

Queen's Bench Division

Time limit not against EC law Working time is term of contract

Matra Communication SA v

Before Lord Justice Hirst, Lord Justice Mummery and Lord Justice

[Indgment February 25]

The three-month time limit laid down in a stantory instrument for challenging the terms of a public service contract notice in the Offi-cial Journal of the European Con-munities was not in breach of EC law, since in the absence of a sufficiently close comparable limitation period on similar domestic claims the government was free to set any tation period which did not make it virtually impossible or ex-cessively difficult to obtain repara-

The Court of Appeal so held dis-missing an appeal by the plaintiff, Matra Communication SA, from an order of Mr Justice Rattee made on July 31, 1998 on trial of preliminary issues in the plaintiff's action for a declaration that the Home Office was in breach of article 30 and/ or article 3(2) of Council Directive 92/50 (OJ 1992 L209/II) on the coordination of procedures for the award of public service contracts, and/or regulation 8 of the Public Services Contract Regulations (SI No 1993 No 3228) by excluding systems based on Tetrapol technology from the terms of tender for public safety radio communications con-

Mr David Vaughan, QC and Mr Mark Brealey for Matra; Mr

G and GB Hewitt Ltd v SA

Namur-Assurances du Credit

Before Lord Justice Kennedy, Lord

Justice Chadwick and Lord Justice

An exclusion clause in a standard

form insurance policy covering bad debts which on its face re-

ferred to goods the export or im-

port of which was or might become

prohibited had no application to purely domestic trade but applied

only to goods which themselves

English meat wholesaler in respect

of invoices unpaid on the insolven-

cy of an English company which failed as a result of the ban on the

export of beef was valid under the

The Court of Appeal so held, dis-

missing the appeal of the defend-ant, SA Namur-Assurances du

Credit, against the decision of

Judge Kershaw, sitting as a judge

of the High Court in the Manches-

ter District Registry, giving judg-ment for the plaintiff, G and GB

Hewire Ltd in the sum of £16,64739

It followed that the claim of an

Judgment February 12]

crossed frontiers.

LORD JUSTICE BUXTON said Matra was a French company spesing in the design of mobile radio telephone systems to be used by limited groups on a secure ba-sis. They had a system based on Tetrapol technology. The main ri-val system, produced by a consortium. Quadrant which included BT.

was based on Tetra technology. The Home Office was seeking a new secure radio system for use by police, and possibly by other public

its specification for the contract called for Tetra technology, which excluded Matra.

Matra maintained that was a breach of the directly effective pro-visions of articles 30 and 59 of the EU Treaty and of article 3(2) of Directive 92/50 which required contracting authorities to ensure there was no discrimination between different service providers. The Home Office denied the claims on the basis that European

procurement rules required them to specify Tetra, as being the ap-proved standard. That claim was not in issue in the oppeal. Before the judge, the Home Of-fice had succeeded in having the ac-oon, in effect, struck out because it

had not been brought within the The issues in the appeal were: I Was the action brought promptly and to any event within three months of the date when grounds

Rules of the Supreme Court.

Mr Simon Hilton for the defend-

ant; Mr Craig Sephton for the

LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY said that the plaintiff was a meat

wholesaler and processor. The de-fendant was a credit insurer.

On December 1, 1990 the plain-

tiff took out a policy of insurance

with the defendant which gave the

plaintiff some cover against the

cy so that if a customer of the plain-

tiff became insolverir the defendant

would pay the plaintiff 85 per cent

of what the customer owed. The

policy of insurance was renewed

the plaintiff rendered invoices for

about £39,000 to a large customer,

Cornwall Meat Processors Ltd. in

respect of meat supplied. On

March 27 the European Union im-

posed a ban on the export of beef. Comwall, which had an exten-

sive export trade, was hadly hit

and in May an administration or-

Retween March 4 and 21, 1996

Clause 12 provided for insolven-

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Charles Flim and Mr Adam Lewis for bringing it arose, as required by regulation 32(4)(b)? 2 Was that requirement of regulation 32(4)(b) in conformity with EC

> 3 if so, was the judge correct in refusing to extend the time limit? In his Lordship's judgment, on any sensible view of the facts, it was plain to Matra some 15 months before they issued their writ that they were suffering, or at least risked suffering, damage by reason of the configuration of the

was whether the three-month requirement of the regulation was in conformity with Community law. Did the limitation period cause the whole scheme of remedies, including the limitation period, to breach the UK's obligation to pro-

radio project.

vide remedies for breaches of Community provisions that comply with the requirements of Community jurisprudence? The European Court of Justice in Palmisani v INPS (Case C-261/95) ([1997] ECR 1-4025, paragraph 27) had beld that the state had to make reparation on the hasis of the rules of national law on li-

ability and that the conditions, in particular time limits, for reparation must be not less favourable than those relating to similar domestic claims (principle of equiva-lence) and must not be so framed as to make it virtually impossible

Under a voluntary arrangement

under the Insolvency Act 1986 the plaintiff received some payment

In May 1996 the plaintiff claimed against the defendant un-

der the policy. The defendant rejected the claim. In August 1996 the

plaintiff began these proceedings.

The defence relied on was an exclu-

The issue of construction was

the meaning of clause 15.7.3 which

excluded flosses arising from the

delivery of goods or the rendering

of services in respect of which the

export from the insured's country

of residence and/or business or the

import into the same of such goods

or services is or may become pro-

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or similar export, import or ex-

change licences, or other pre-

ant that the clause applied at the time of delivery but if the export of

the goods was subsequently prohib-

ited they became goods the export of which might be prohibited and

if so the insurer could rely on clause 15.7.3.

It was submitted for the defend-

scribed consents are lacking".

against its invoices.

sion in clause 15.

the principle of equivalence must look not merely for a domestic action similar to the claim asserting Community rights, but for one that was in juristic structure very close to the Community claim. It did

that by considering the purpose and the essential characteristics of allegedly similar domestic actions If there was no action in the domestic system that met those criteria, the national system was at lib-erty, subject to the principle of effectiveness, to set whatever limitation period seemed best to it for the claim in relation to Community

His Lordship considered a number of possible comparators, including action for breach of statutory duty, action for breach of othrights, indicial review, and the provisions in the Local Government Art 1988 forbidding selection of conmercial considerations.

None of those, as the judge had found, was sufficiently close in juristic structure to be a suitable comparator. Effectiveness was a very Mr Vaughan had accepted that

the regulations could not he attacked on that basis. The judge had correctly refused to extend the time limit. Lord Justice Mummery and

Lord Justice Hirst agreed. Solicitors: Nabarro Nathanson;

Clause applies to goods crossing frontiers His Lordship said that clause

15.7 on its face applied to goods which themselves crossed a fron-

tier. Reading clause 15.7 as a whole

what was being contemplated throughout was that the goods themselves were to be imported or Under the terms of the policy th insured might be abroad but the customer had to be in the United Kingdom. The insured could be an

exporter of goods which became the subject of some sort of prohibi-If the insured and the customer were in the United Kingdom but the goods were to be imported to be delivered to the customer, or if the insured were resident abroad and supplying goods to a customer in the United Kingdom the clause could apply. The goods themselves had to cross a frontier and there-

to the present facts. Lord Justice Chadwick delivered e concurring judgment and Lord Justice Laws agreed. Solicitors: Stevens & Bohon.

fore the clause had no application

Guildford, Aaron & Partners, Ches-

Mining UK Ltd

Before Mr Justice Gage Pudgment March 3 Regulation 4(II of the Working Time Regulations (\$1 1998 No 1833

imposed a contractual obligation on an employee to ensure that an employee worked no more than the statutory maximum of 48 hours in any given week. Where therefore an employe

worked in excess of those hours he would be able to bring civil proceedings in the High Court and not in an employment tribunal.

Mr Justice Cage so held the
Queen's Bench Division in grant-

ing a declaration that having worked in excess of the statutory maximum in a certain reference pe-riod the plaintiffs did not need to work until such time as their working time fell within statutory lim-The plainoffs, Mr Steven Bar-

ber, Mr Paul Bennett, Mr John Bentley, Mr Peter Buffin and Mr Alan Guy, were command supervi sors, known as demnies who worked in the coal mining indu uv. They were all members of the lational Association of Colliery Overmen, Deputies and Shotlivers (NACODS).
The defendants, RJB Mining

UK Ltd. owned and managed coal mines in the Yorkshire area where the plaintiffs were employed.

In the 17-week period after the 1998 Regulations came into force in October 1, 1998 the plaintiffs worked in excess of an average of 48 hours a week. The plaintiffs were required to work at weekends, in excess of their contractual hours of 42 hours a week, in order to keep mines open.

On December 7, 1998 the defend-ants sent a letter to their employees in which they sought agreement to opt out of the 48-hour working time limit. NACODS advised its members not to sign an opi-out agreement until satisfactory negotitions with the defendants on wages had been completed.

On January 25, 1999 the plaintiffs refused to sign the opt-out agreement. However, each was rered to continue working and did so under protest and without prejudice to the rights sought in the instant proceedings.

The plaintiffs sought a declara-

on and injunctions against the defendants. The relief was designed to declare rights claimed by the plaintiffs under regulation 4 of the 1998 Regulations and enforcement of those rights by means of injunc-Regulation 4 of the 1998 Regula-

tions, made in order to give effect to EU Council Directive 93/104/EC November 23, 1993 (OJ 1993

1.307 p15), provides:
"(1) Subject to regulation 5, a worker's working time including overtime, in any reference period

Barber and Others v RJB which was applicable in his case shall not exceed an average of 48 hours for each seven days

"(2) An employer shall take all reasonable steps, in keeping with the need to protect the health and safety of workers, to ensure that the time limit specified in para-graph [1] is complied with in the case of each worker employed by

him in relation to whom it applies. Mr Brian Langstaff, QC and Mr Jason Galbraith-Marten for the plaintiffs; Mr Nicholas Underhill. QC and Mr Anthony Sendall for MR JUSTICE GAGE said said the crucial issue was whether para-

graph (II) of regulation 4 stood alone, or whether it had to be read with and subject to paragraph (2). His Lordship did not accept that paragraphs [1] and (2) must be read together. Mr Langstaff was correct when he submitted that to so would have

the effect of reducing or making un-certain the limit of the maximum average working hours permitted in any week.
It seemed clear that Parliament

intended that all contracts of employment should be read so as to provide that an employee should

ply to all contracts of employment. The fact that paragraph (I) did not state that an employer was prohibited from requiring his employ ee from working longer hours, did not prevent that paragraph from having the effect of placing an obli-gation on an employer not to require an employee to work more than the permined number of

Such an obligation was in keeping with the stated objective of Di-rective 93/104/EC [1993 OJ L307 p18) of providing for health and safety of employees.

Paragraph (2) did impose an ob-ligation on an employer but it was a qualified obligation. As such it was different from the mandatory

terms of paragraph (I).
It was one of those obligations the breach of which could be the could be that it was for that reason that the qualification was inserted.

Whatever might be the reason, the obligation in paragraph (2), ion in paragraph (2). was in his Lordship's view, sepa rate and distinct from the clear and precise terms of paragraph (i).
His Lordship said breach of par-

48 hours in any week during the reference period.

It seemed that that was a mandation agraph (2) of regulation 4, subject as it was to criminal proceedings, could fairly be said to be an obligation which could only be dealt with in the manner provided for by the

Having held that paragraph (1) of regulation 4 provided free standing legal rights and obligations un-der the plaintiffs contracts of employment, it followed that to require them to continue to work before sufficient time had clapsed to bring the weekly average below 48 hours was a breach of regulation

In his Lordship's judgment the plaintiffs were entitled to the grant of a declaration. The fact that the proceedings had to be seen against the background of negotiations and as a tactical manocuvre in the union's dispute with the defend riffs were not emitted to the declara-

tion sought.
The declaration would have the effect of making it clear that they were entitled, if they so chose, to refuse to continue working until the average working hours came within the specified limit. His Lordship declined to grant

the injunctions sought.

the hearing was in chambers there

was a discretion in the judge to per-

mit the presence of a McKenzie

friend. Any challenge to the exer-cise of the judge's discretion could be made only by the litigant in per-

son. He alone sought redress from

ther the right to be in chambers

cial discretion to exclude him. In

his Lordship's judgment, it fol-lowed that he had no locus standi

to bring these judicial review pro-

for a judge to give reasons for his decision to exclude a McKenzie

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor,

Correction

eedings. Further, no general duty existed

The McKenzie friend had nei-

r to impugn the exercise of judi-

Litigant has no right to lay

Regina.v Bow County Court. Ex parte Pelling Before Lord Juscice Otton and Mrs

Judgment March ! .

The right to act as a McKenzie friend, a lay adviser to a lidgant in person, (Mckenzie v Mckenzie (1971) P 33)) existed where a hearing was in open coun. Where, however, a hearing was

held in chambers, the judge had a discretion whether to permit the presence of a McKenzie friend. The exercise of that discretion was subject to challenge by the litigant in person and not by the McKenzie friend. The Oueen's Bench Divisional

plication for judicial review of the refusal of Judge Goldstein, on December 9, 1997, to permit Michael John Pelling to act as a Mckenzie friend in chambers in a family case at Bow County Court.

Mr Pelling in person; Mr Rab-inder Singh for Bow County Coun; LORD JUSTICE OTTON said that the court was unable to accept that the common law had evolved in the provision of legal services to the point where there was now a right of a McKenzie friend to be present in chambers. The fact that legal aid might no longer be availa-ble in a range of cases where it was formerly did not create any right friends. Barristers and solicitors who appeared or assisted on a probono basis did so as of right, even in chambers, by virtue of their pro-fessional standing.

The fact that Mr Pelling ac-

adviser in chambers

knowledged, and asserted, that he had a duty to "his client", falling short, as he initially maintained. but later resiled from, of a duty of care, did not assist him.

Mr Pelling might wish to call and think of those whom be assisted as his "clients" but that did not establish a professional relationship in any legal sense, except that possibly, where he did it for reward, an obligation arose to be present at court on the day of the

hearing. His "client", the litigant in person, must still seek the leave of the court for Mr Pelling to act as a Mc-kenzie friend. The other side might object whether represented or not. Where the hearing was in open court there was a right to a McKen-

zie friend. That right was vested solely in the litigant in person:

there was no correlative right vest-ed in the McKenzie friend. Where

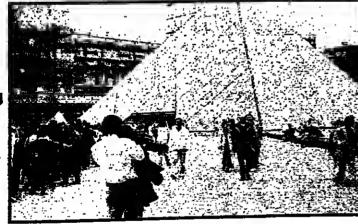
In Wards Construction (Medway) Ltd v Kent County Council (The Times March 31 the appellant was Kent County Council, represented

friend.

by Mr Malcolm Spence, QC, Mr Adrian Trevelyan Thomas and Mr Thomas Lowe, and the respondent was Wards Construction (Medway) Ltd. represented by Mr Gerard Ryan, QC and Mr Rodney Stewart Smith.

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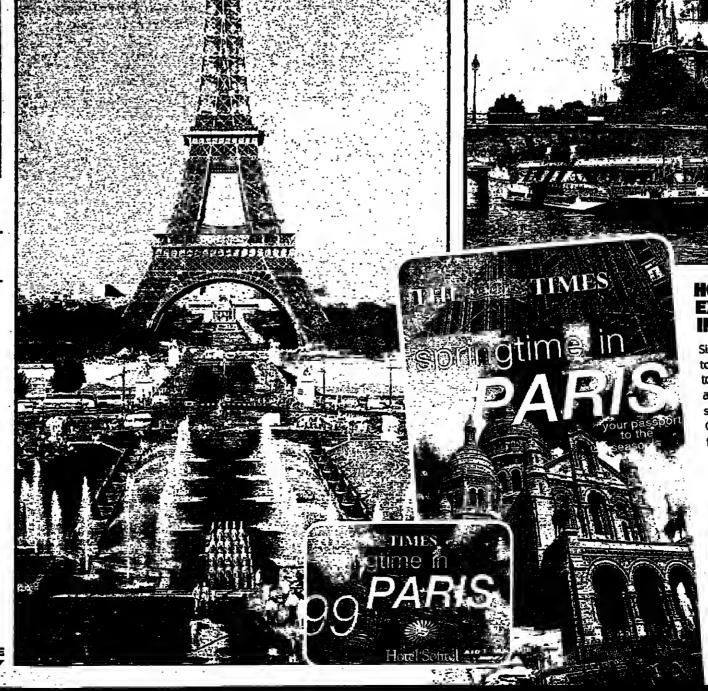
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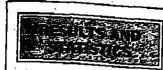
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TOMORROW

Anterims: Polypipe. Finals: BAT, BBA Group, Cantab Pharmaceutical, Caradon, Church & Co, Coats Vivelia Group, Country Gardens, Crestacare, Expernet, GEO Interactive, Hampden Group, Independent Insurance, Kerry Group, Metal Bulletin, Norish, Harry Ramsden's, Senior Engineering Group, Waterford Wedgwood, Wilson Connolly, Economic statistics: BRC February retail sales survey, the Budget

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Rage Software. Finals: Abbot Group, Aggregate Industries, BICC, Bowthorpe, Caim Energy, Cordiant Communications Group, Countrywide Assured Group, Holmes Place, Mallett, Matalan, John Mowlem, Pearson, Pentland, PTS, Springwood, Terranova Foods, Ti Group, Thompson Corporation, none scheduled.

THURSDAY

Interims: Diageo. Finals: Amec, Ash & Lacy, Cattles, Courtaulds Textiles, Cox Insurance Hidgs, Davis Service Group, Emhart, MJ Gleeson Group, Group Trust, Hemingway Properties, ISA International, Keller Group, Meggitt, Mice Group, Molins, Qualceram, Queens Moat Houses, Reed Elsevier, Rexam, Saatchi & Saatchi, SIG, Tilbury Douglas, Travis Per-kins, United Biscuits Holdings, Wyevale Garden Centres, Economic statities: none sched-

FRIDAY

Interiors: Waterman Partnership Holdings, JD Wetherspoon. Fimals: Alliance Resources, Enterprise Oil, Johnson Service Group, Maltacom, Reckitt & Colman, Regal Hotel Group, Shire Pharmaceuticals Group, Vitec Group, Workplace Technologies. Economic





MICHAEL CLARK

BAT keeps one eye on US courts

BAT INDUSTRIES: These are likely to be the last set of results from the tobacco group, whose chief executive is Martin Broughton, before its merger with rival Rothmans, led by Johann Rupert, is concluded Full-year re-sults tomorrow, are likely to show pre-tax profits, before exceptionals, up marginally from £1.37 billion to £1.38 billion. But after stripping out costs relating to US litigation and the demerger of its financial services arm, the final figure will show profits down from £875 million to £767 million. Earnings a share, on the other hand, will be up about 7 per cent at 48p.

Once again the results are likely to be dominated by the ongoing litiga-tion in the US after a court order for rival Philip Morris to stump up \$51.5 million. BT Alex Brown, the broker, says that the unpredictable nature of the juries means that the risk to the tobacco companies is extensive.

But at least brokers will be able to assess prospects for the group once the merger with Rothmans has been completed. Most brokers expect the enlarged company to become more aggressive, especially in the high margin European market. The payout is estimated at 24p.

RECKITT & COLMAN: These are troubled times for the household products group. Former chief executive Vernon Sankey was the casual-ty in January, following the group's November profits warning. And full-year results on Friday are expected to provide shareholders with further bad news.

BT Alex Brown, the broker, is forecasting a downturn in pre-tax profits from £299 million to £276 million with earnings a share declining by 6 per cent from 51.2p to 48.lp. That compares with earlier profits forecasts of £340 million.

Sales in the US will have been depressed by destocking while the real pressure for the recent profit downgrades came from margin pressure in Europe and exposure to emerging markets.

In the meantime, there is persistent talk about a bid for the company.The payout should grow, from 24p to 26.2p.

The impact of currency factors, disposals and the economic downturn in some of its world markets will



Johann Rupert, left, and Martin Broughton hope to see BAT pick up speed after the Rothmans deal

have taken their toll on profitability. At the pre-tax level, profits are ex-pected to come in at about £1 billion, down from £1.2 billion last

Earnings a share, however, are

likely to be little altered at 201/sp. Sales of spirits in both North America and Europe should be OK, reflecting similar outcomes re-cently from Allied Domecq and Seagram, the Canadian drinks group. But the numbers will be affected by DIAGEO: Brokers will have their work cut out making sense of interthe Government's approval for the interthe Government's approval for the intermerger between Guinness and

Burger King will have enjoyed sales growth, but rising

Grand Metropolitan.

costs will have taken the edge off profits, while strong trading at Guinness in November and December will have offset the ill-effects of the downturn in business in the Far East. There is likely to be some caution over Pillsbury's performance following a slow-down in the second half of last year. Profits are likely to be down, hit by rising raw material costs. The payout to shareholders will be down about a third

PEARSON: An upbeat trading kers a clear insight into the publishing group's prospects. As such, there are unlikely to be any nasty surprises when the group unveils final results on Friday. Pre-tax profits should come in at between £340 million and £360 million, up from £285.9 million last time. Earnings a share will be about 42p compared with 35p. Brokers will be anxious to see how Simon & Schuster is bedding down. Brokers expect it to provide the engine for earnings growth over the next few years.

Overall profits will have been boosted by a general improvement in AWL and £10 million of cost savings at All America, while losses at Channel 5 should be down from £15 million to £9 million. Strong cir-Vetilation at the Financial Times will have been offset by investment costs.

payout to grow 10 per cent from 1945p to 2145p.

REED ELSEVIER: There are unlikely to be any surprises when the Anglo-Dutch publisher reports final results on Thursday. Pre-tax pre-exceptional profits are expected to come in at £770 million, down from £823 million a year earlier, in line with the forecast given by the company in its trading update in December. Earnings a share will be around 26p, down 4 per cent on the 27.2p paid in 1997. The full-year dividend is likely to rise to between 15p and 151/1p from 14.6p.

ENTERPRISE OIL: Brokers will be seeking any crumbs of information about the progress of the proposed merger with rival Lasmo when full-year results are published on Friday. But a growing number are becoming increasingly sceptical about the rationale behind the move with few obvious synergies between the two groups and therefore limited opportunities for cost savings.

Since news of the talks with Lasmo were first announced on January II, the market has increasingly called into question Enterprise Oil's strategy. Shares in Enterprise have fallen by 20 per cent. If merger talks do break down it will have to send a clear message to the market on its future plans for growth, particular-ly in the light of the current poor trading environment.

This will be clearly reflected in the results with the crude price slipping to a 12-year low late in the year. On a current cost of supply basis, brokers are forecasting in a range from a loss of £10 million to a net profit of £10 million. Most of them expect Enterprise to pass the final dividend after signalling at the interim stage that it planned to rebase its payout policy going for-ward. The 1998 dividend is there-

fore seen at 6.9p against 17.4p.

The figures will include several one-off items, including small asset write-downs, restructuring provisions and a gain on asset disposals. These asset writedowns, which are due to the FRSII accounting changes, are expected to total around £2S million to £30 million.

NYCOMED AMERSHAM: FInal results today should show pretax profits of between £214 million and £230 million before exceptionin its first full year since the

merger of Amersham with the Norwegian healthcare company in 1997. The forecasts compare with a pro-forma figure of £199 million. Analysts expect the first full dividend to be set at 5p to 5.6p.

The shares have suffered because of broker downgrades. There have been concerns over non-core operations, such as bad debts on the sale of pharmaceuticals into Russia.

But there are also worries about the company's ability to handle the decline in the US market for X-ray contrast media, though the company has in the past pointed to the growth in its other branded products, such as lodine Seeds and Myoview to compensate for the decline. An ongoing cost-reduction pro-gramme is expected to have contributed about £20 million in the second half of the year, after £9 million in the first half, which should help to overcome the negative currency factor of about £18 million.

BBA GROUP: Full-year results tomorrow should see pre-tax profits come in between £164 million and £168 million compared with £156.7 million last time. Earnings a share will be up from 24p to between 254p and 27.3p. Expect the group to declare a dividend of about 9p against 8p.

These results are likely to reflect strong profit growth in the second half and a positive business outlook as the group's strategy of building market share in its three core divi-

sions is beginning to pay off.

The strengthening of its activities has led the group to become a prominent player in hygiene non-woven textiles, automotive friction materials and aviation services.

Many of the group's operations should be recession resilient because of the fact that their exposure to outsourcing or substitution trends should sustain demand.

SUMBAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy BT, Caradon, Independent Insurance, Rolls-Royce. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Electronics Boutique, Winchester Entertainment. The Mail on Sunday: Buy Alliance Unichem: Sell Game Group. Sunday Express: Buy Booth Industries.

Jensen snaps up former chief of Rolls-Royce

By ADAM JONES

GRAHAM MORRIS, who resigned as chief executive of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars after a tortuous takeover battle last year, has taken on the role of non-executive chairman of Jensen, the once-mighty sports car company hoping to become an icon of British design again. Jensen began making cars

in 1935 but was perhaps best known for the Interceptor, which was introduced in 1966. Jensen collapsed into voluntary liquidation in the early Nineties but the marque was bought by the Creative Group. an automotive consultancy, in 1998 for a six-figure sum.

The new owners showed a prototype of a new car, the -V8, at the British International Motor Show in Birmingham to great public and industry interest last year. Jensen said it now has £4 million worth of reservations for the model, which goes into production in the second half of this year and will sell at E39,500. It is to ask the Government for £1 million aid for the project



and seek up to £1.5 million from venture capital groups.

Jensen hopes to employ about 60 people directly next year, with indirect employment in support areas taking the total of jobs created to be-

tween 100 and 200. Mr Morris resigned from RRMC in July after BMW and VW, who had been battling for the luxury carmaker, agreed to split the Rolls-Royce brand from its sister marque, Bent-ley, in 2003, taking half each.

Budget likely to be on generous side of neutral

GORDON BROWN'S third full Budget will dominate UK economic discussion this week but will not necessarily dominate the financial markets, where the foreign exchanges may again be lively. At home, most City economists expect the Budget to be slightly more generous than neutral against a background

of buoyant revenue but a reces-

sioo in industrial production. A final clutch of monthly fig-ures today will not cause a big rewrite. According to the median of forecasts gathered by Standard & Poor's MMS, UK industrial production fell by 0.3 per cent seasonally adjusted in January, making a 0.2 per cent year-on-year drop. S&P itself expects a 0.8 per cent monthly drop, but Philip Shaw of Investee Bank sees no change, thanks to a 0.2 per cent rise in manufacturing output. S&P sees manufacturing

0.6 per cent down in January. HSBC goes for 0.3 per cent. Factory gate prices should present a better picture, with a monthly change of no more than 0.1 per cent either way. But



prices vary widely after recent steep falls. Against a median fall of 0.2 per cent, S&P looks for a 0.8 per cent fall, but HSBC expects a 1.2 per cent rise.

Abroad, more gloom is likely from Germany tomorrow. Median forecast is for 10,000 more jobless in February. HSBC expects 22,000.

By contrast, expect evidence that America's economy can keep growing strongly with low inflation. Tomorrow productivity figures for the last quarter of 1998 are expected to be registed to a board 4.3 nec be revised up to about 4.3 per cent. Strong car sales and more retail jobs suggest that US re-tail sales rose strongly in February. S&P expects a 1.1 per cent rise on Thursday, HSBC 0.7 per cent. The downside comes on Friday, with another \$60 billion US current account deficit likely for the fourth quarter.

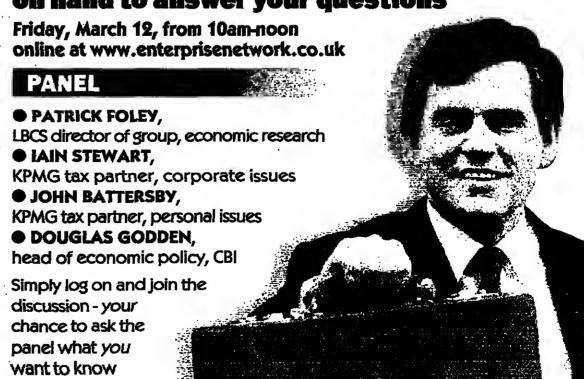
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THE FACTS

Market cap: £6.4 billion Turnover: (year to September 30, 1998) £4.61 billion Pre-tax profits: £834 mil-

Operating profit before exceptionals: £722 million Employees: 80,000-plus Overview: Bass describes itself as an International hospitality and leisure group, focusing on hotels. leisure retailing and brand-

THE BOARD

Sir lan Proseer, chairman 1987, joined Bass in 1969, being appointed to the board in 1978 and made group managing director in 1984. Although his retention of the two top jobs does not accord with best corporate governance practice, the strength of the directors heading Bass's three divisions has tended to deflect any criticism. Sir lan, tor of Lloyds TSB and is deputy chairman of BP Arnoco.

The finance director is Richard North, who joined from Burton Group in 1994. He previously spent 23 years with Coopers & Lybrand, Mr. North, 48, is a non-exec at Asda, Leeds Sporting and Fel-Cor Lodging Trust. The head of Bass Hotels &

Resorts is Tom Oliver, 57, who joined the group in 1997 after spells with Federal Express. Thomas Cook, Hertz and American Airlines.

His counterpart at Bass Leisure Retail is Tim Clarke, 41, who was appointed to the board in 1996 and is a nonexec at Debenhams. The chief executive of Bass Brewers is tale Napler, 49, who is also on Perry Group's board. The director of personnel

and company secretary is Spencer Wigley, 56, a solicitor, who joined Bass in 1992, Bass has five non-executive directors, led by the deputy chairman, Sir Michael Perry. He is chairman of Centrica and Dunlop Stazenger and a non-exec of Marks & Soencer. The others are: Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy, chief executive of Kinglisher: Roger Carr, chief executive of Williams; Robert Larson, chairman of the US group Taubman Realty; and Sir Peter Middleton, acting chief executive of Barclays. IT fS odd to think that just a year ago the City was growing increasingly impatient for Bass to spend some of the £2 billion-plus war chest it had amassed from offloading businesses such as Gala bingo. Coral, the bookmakers, and most of its tenanted pub estate.

But what we did not know then was that Sir Ian Prosser, the chairman and chief executive, was plotting a £1.8 billion move on Inter-Continental Hotels, which would provide the luxury brand that was missing from its existing Holiday Inn hotel business.

Even then, it took all Sir lan's business and diplomatic skills to land the prize from under the noses of Ladbroke, Patriot American Hospitality and Marriott. The victory over Marriott was especially pleasing because the gung-ho American group was so confident.

What Marriott had not appreciated were the niceties of dealing with Japanese companies. Despite its precarious financial position at the time. Saison Group, Inter-Continental's owner, was persuaded not just by the colour of Bass's money but by the way Sir Ian personally took control of the negotiations

Aware of the painful loss of face that selling Inter-Continental would mean to Saison's bosses, he not only offered them an immediate solution to their financial straits but also drew up a master licence agreement for Saison to operate the Inter-Continental and Forum brands for the whole of Japan (although the future of the Forum brand is under review). This allowed it to retain an involvement with the company, thus midgating some of the inevitable loss of face.

It is strongly rumoured that what finally clinched it for Bass was a private meeting between Sir lan and one of the ultimate shareholders of the Saison Group - none other than Emperor Akihito himself.

The acquisition of Inter-Continental has given Bass a sense of completeness it has not had for many years, in a short snace of ome, mature businesses have been sold off and the money invested in faster-growth areas of the hospitality market. The feeling in the City is that Sir Ian has finally laid down the strategic platform necessary to take the 200-year-old company into the next century. His principal task now is to drive the enormous potential for organic growth his strategic moves have created, although the current economic climate means that this may take slightly longer to prove itself.



Sir Ian Prosser has laid down the strategic platform to take Bass into the next century. It has a spread of top-class brands in each of its chosen areas, including the luxury Inter-Continental Hotels, its bestselling Carling lager and retail outlets targeting subtly different segments of the drinking and eating-out market.

Sir lan's vision suffered an early hiccup last September when an apparently straightfor-ward trading statement was interpreted by the City as a profit warning sending the shares diving to 636p, compared with the record high of £11.75 in early summer in the wake of the inter-Continental deal. Sir lan is known to have been upset at the City's reaction. What he had failed to appreciate was the market's growing nervousness about consumer-reliant companies in general, and brewing and pub companies in particular. The additional revelation that product recalls had wiped about £15 million

ly fanned the flames. Since then, trading in Bass Leisure Retail - consisting of pubs. restaurants and leisure venues such as Dave & Buster's - has got tougher and the group, in common with its peers, has reined in the mas-

from profits in the beer and

Britvic soft drinks arms mere-

sive high street investment in such brands as All Bar One and Edward's, and put in place a much more cautious capital expenditure regime. It has also initiated a significant

cost-cutting programme. Despite the worsening trading climate, the tough action taken by the company - allied

without recourse to shareholders."

to an appreciation that September's trading update was not that had after all when set against its rivals - has prompted a partial recovery, and the shares now trade at 858p.

There is also a growing per-

ception among analysts that Bass is gradually shifting itself from being an asset-backed

they have established a sound platform for growth in all timee divisions. The group has a strong balance sheet and its growth should be capable of being flumoed from its own resources

Nigel Parson, drinks analysts, Westl. B Panmure In the corrent environment, the luter-Continental deal does, in the short term, look to have been expensive. However, we are increasingly of the view that the hotel market is holding up and performing much better than feared. As a result, we ve the acquisition will accelerate Bass's long-term growth in earnings and returns on capital."

Mark Puleikis, brewing and drinks analyst, Merrill Lynch

company to one based on brands, such that it is able to leverage the benefits of having a spread of top-class brands in each of its chosen areas. In hotels, for example, it covers virtually the entire market spectrum, from the budget Holiday Inn Express, through the core

Holiday Inn brand to Crowne Plaza and, at the deluxe end of the market, Inter-Continental, The same can be said of brewing, in which Carling - the

UK's biggest-selling lager — is complemented by Terment's, while its Bass ale sits alongside Caffrey's and Worthington, And for the vounger market there is Hooper's Hooch. Similarly, the various retail brands range from community pubs, through Toby, Harvester, All Bar One, Edward's and Browns - all of which target subtly different segments of the drinking and eating-out market. An unheralded but potentially significant move was last month's acquisition of the Alex Group, a German chain of bars akin to All Bar One and Edward's - described by Bass as "a toe in the water" in the continental market.

Analysts are also impressed by the balance that today's Bass has established between cash-generative businesses and those that require cash. The cash thrown off from brewing, for example, is rapidly reinvested in its hotel and managed pub businesses. All this is a far cry from the

company founded by William Bass in 1777 in Burton upon Trent, By 1800, under William's son, Michael, Bass ale was already widely exported, with more than half its production being shipped to the Baltic and the north German ports for sale in Russia, Finland and the German states, Such was its fame that Manet, the Impressionist painter, included two bottles of Bass in his celebrated Bar aux Folies Bergère. The bottle label incorporating the Bass red triangle - originally a shipping mark - is Britain's oldest registered trade mark.

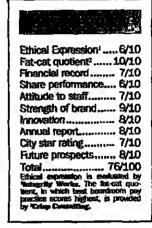
It is a source of personal regret to Sir lan that Bass bitter. still marketed as "our finest ale" on the label, is suffering from the general decline of real alc. However, the company last year restructured its brewing operations and appears to be well-positioned to capitalise on the strength of its brands, led by Carling, which sells a stagger-

ing 3.3 million barrels a year. More disappointingly, at-tempts to use the Czech Republic as the base for a push into Central and Eastern Europe have hit problems. Prague Breweries, in which Bass has a controlling stake, continues to suffer from the Czech recession and the Russian crisis. It has just reported its fourth lossmaking year out of the past five and minority shareholders have complained of Bass's "unacceptable" management. On the plus side, Prague's Staropramon lager is being exported into the US, Italy and Spain.

Another area of controversy is Sir lan's remuneration. Last year, his total pay package rose 97 per cent to £1.6 million thanks to performance-related bonuses worth £300,000 and options worth more than £700,000. However, Crisp Consulting considers Sir Ian to be underpaid for someone of his seniority and experience and says the non-executive di-

rectors are paid reasonably.
Integrity Works, meanwhile, says that Bass has room for improvement on ethical expression. It says that Bass has a concise statement giving business conduct guidance. but its ethics materials are silent on some areas that are challenging many international companies, such as human rights. Bass, it adds, needs to consider addressing such issues in its ethics statements.

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body over Archer trading

CREDIT SUISSE First Boston Crisanti and Adrian Ezra. (CSFB) is expected to face a members of the "Flaming Fer-(CSFB) is expected to face a Swedish disciplinary committee tomorrow over the share dealings of James Archer, the 24-year-old son of Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare.

The committee could fine CSFB or ban it from trading on the Swedish stock market. Mr Archer, along with David

raris" - named for their consumption of a £13-a-shot rumbased cocktail - were dis-

investigation into the group. Swedish authorioes said last week that the deals done by Mr Archer in the pulp company Stora were al-

missed on Friday after a CSFB

the disciplinary committee. If the disciplinary committee finds against CSFB, it will be the first time such an action has been brought by the Swedish authorities.

most certain to be referred to

The investigation focuses on trades totalling around £700,000 carried out by Mr Archer at the end of last year.

CSFB may face disciplinary New Covent Garden soup kitchen plan

BY PAUL DURMAN

THE New Covent Garden Soup Company is planning to open a chain of 200 soup kitchens that is expected to add up to £2.5 million to the annual profits of S Daniels, its quoted owner.

The first of the new franchised soup bars, known simply as Soup, has just opened in Hammersmith, West London. When completed in about five years, the full chain is expected to add £12 million to £15 million to Daniels' revenues.

The New Covent Garden Soup Company, which sells chilled soups through leading supermarkets, is the largest and best-known of the acquisitions made by

Freedman Michael Mills, who took control of Daniels about

three years ago. New Covent Garden lost market share last year in the face of increased ownlabel competition. Shares in Daniels have fallen heavily over the past nine mouths, which David Hallam, of

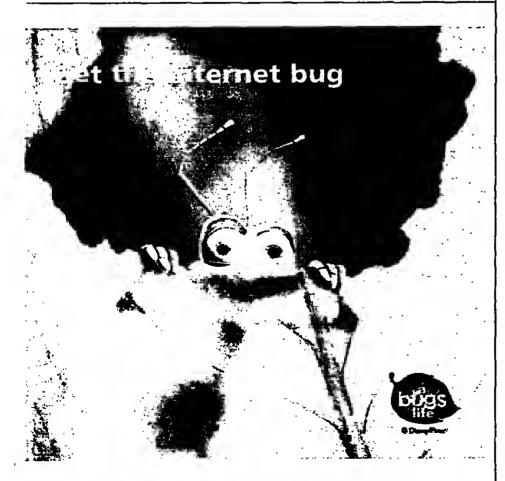
Williams de Broe, blames

on unfavourable weather, recessionary fears and the poor performance of Marks

Daniels is spending about £1.3 million this year promoting New Covent Garden through television advertising. It is hoped the Soup bars will also support brand awareness.

In a note just published,

Mr Hallam argues that much of the chilled food sector, which includes Terranova Foods, Geest and Hazlewood Foods, is significantly undervalued. He recommends buying Daniels, which on the Williams de Broe forecast of £6.3 million of pre-tax profits this year, is trading on less than nine times earnings.



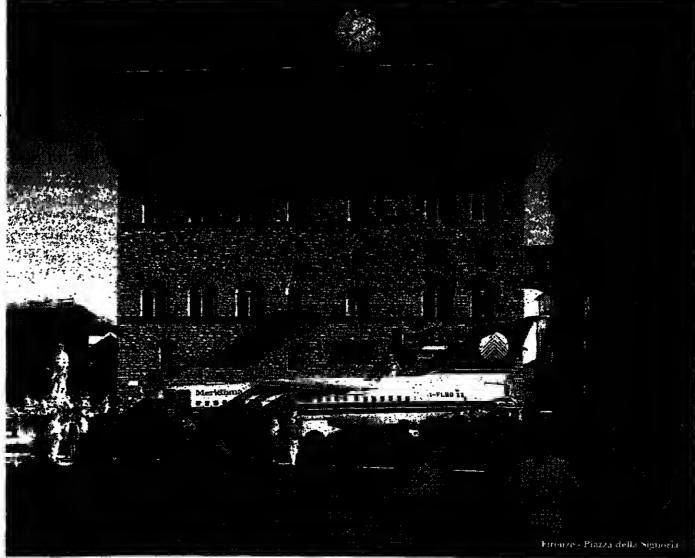
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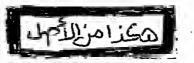


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Bus industry to be investigated over rising prices

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

A COMMONS investigation is to examine taxpayers' £700 million subsidy of bus services, amid evidence that contract costs are rising by more than five times the rate of inflation. A sharp rise in the prices charged by bus firms has raised fears among MPs that growing dominance by a small number of companies is

forcing local authorities to buy more expensive services. The investigation by the Commons Transport Select Committee will examine the tendering processes that have seen a marked fall in competition and a rise in contract prices. MPs will concentrate on the £290 million subsidy paid for

local bus services outside London, mostly in rural areas. Contracts in the capital will also be examined, alongside some £400 million in concessionary fare subsidies.

The industry blames the increases on soaring wage costs in the face of staff shortages together with improved services, but the Commons Transport Select Committee is to demand a full explanation for the sudden rise in costs.

Several local authorities say they are powerless to obtain the best contract price for taxpayers because of a shortage of compet-ing tenders. The four biggest companies - Arriva, Stage-coach, Go-Ahead and FirstBus now have a stranglehold on the £3.2 billion bus industry after a spate of takeovers.

Research by the Association of Transport Co-ordinating Officers, representing local authority transport planners, has produced evidence of a sharp fall in tenders for many bus contracts. At the same time. English county councils last year saw a 16 per cent increase in the cost of reletting contracts, forcing the withdraw-

GUESS, the US fashion house.

that spent a reputed £2 million

launching itself in London.

has shut its flagship Knights-

bridge store after less than two

ears.
It has bought the franchise

back from Christina Ong, the

Singapore millionairess who

is withdrawing from the UK

after spending an estimated

£60 million opening designer stores in London. The move

comes amid fears that Lon-

don's claim to be the most fash-

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weakened without the invest-

ment that the Ong family has

made over the past five years.

prices, saying that investment al of bundreds of services. in new buses has led to huge The inquiry, due to start improvements in services.

B&Q to create 2,500 jobs



ISG, the AIM-quoted occupancy services specialist, is expected to reveal today that, at the balfway stage, it is well on the way to achieving forecasts of £3.75 million pre-tax profit for the full year. The company, which floated last July, will also announce its maiden interim dividend. David King, chairman and chief executive, is pictured at Hertford House, the home of the Wallace Collection in London's Manchester Square, which ISG is currently under contract to renovate.

Goldman Sachs votes today on float scheme

By CAROLINE MERRELL, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

GOLDMAN SACHS will today vote on whether to float op to 15 per cent of the bank in a plan that could pay each of its 220 partners about \$100 million (£62.5 million).

The flotation plan is likely to value the bank at more than \$20 billion. All 11,000 employees are expected to benefit from the float. Partners may start cashing in their stakes in three to five years' time.

The original flotation plan was abandoned at the end of last year because of the sudden fall in worldwide stock prices, which cut the estimated

value of the bank. A flotation is now more likely to go ahead because all members of Goldman Sachs's 5-strong executive are believed to be in favour of it. Originally, it had been feared that a deal of this type would

change Goldman Sachs's unique culture,

The bank last week prepared staff for the change in culture with a series of corporate videos.

Goldman has 2,500 staff in Europe, most of whom work in London. Some 37 parmers are based in London, including Gavyn Davies, chief economist, who could be in line for shares worth \$50 million.

Catmark for Isas is at risk of falling flat

The Government's attempt to introduce a Cannark label for financial products looked to be at risk of falling flat yesterday as it was reported that only 3 per cent of individual savings accounts so far created will

Only 30 of the 1,000 isas to be launched next month are believed to have adopted the Čatmark Government's scheme. CAT stands for Cost, easy Access and decent Terms. The Treasury would not comment on figures yesterday, but said: "We are aware of a

good number of schemes that fall within the Cat standard." For equity Isas, the Treas-ury is giving the Catmark only to low-cost unit trusts tracking UK stock market indices.

Canary options

Paul Reichmann, chairman of Canary Wharf, is to swap his ten-year management contract for a big share options scheme when the property company is floated. His present contract, lasting unol 2005, conflicts with City codes. Mr Reich-mann will have opoons over £100 million of Canary Wharf shares, exercisable over seven years at well above the flotaoon price. A preliminary prospectus is due on Thursday.

Quicker payers Britain's small and medium-

sized companies have sped up their paying of bills, but still take an average of 46 days, a survey by Grant Thornton, the accountant, says. It found that their payment times had fallen by a week since 1993. The Germans pay in an average of 35 days, and Finns are swiftest, at 26. The Greeks take 87 days.

Red tape worry

Small companies' biggest worry is government red tape rather than a worsening economy. according to research for Royal Bank Invoice Finance. Of 300 surveyed, 63 per cent said red tape is a big concern



Expansion strategy: B&Q directors George Bramhill, left, and Stephen Robertson swap roles to celebrate the anniversary

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UP TO 2,500 jobs are to be crein Belfast and Newry. The new centres will be opened by the

Guess, based in Los Ange- the art fashion stores, includ-

ated across the UK in a further expansion of B&Q, a division

next month, coincides with

growing doubts within Gov-ernment over a £150 million

fund for new rural bus servic-

es. The scheme has been

criticised for forcing instant

decisions in setting up hun-dreds of new services, some of

which are likely to be aban-

The Confederation of Pas-

senger Transport, which repre-sents the bus industry, has

warned ministers of the dan-

gers caused by a scheme that

was rushed though after the

last Budget. Veronica Palmer, Director-general of the confed-eration, said: "We do have

reservations about the speed

with which new rural services

have been set up. It has caused

problems because of the sud-

However, the confederation

defends increases in tender

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doned after only six months.

of the Kingfisher group.
The DIY retailer, which is already the market leader, has firm plans to open ten new warehouse stores and three retail supercentres. The announcement was timed to coincide with the 30th anniversary

of the first B&Q opening. The development will also mark B&Q's first move into Northern Ireland, with the opening of warehouse stores

Guess quits flagship site

after Ong's withdrawal

BY FRASER NELSON

les, decided to shut its 5,000 sq

ft store in Brompton Road as

soon as it took over the tranch-

ise and will now trade from its

newer store in New Bond

Street. Guess runs its Europe-

an stores through Maco Ap-

parel, a joint venture with Fin-

gen, of Florence. It said: "We

wanted to concentrate Guess

in just one location, and the

New Bond Street store reflects

our image much better. They

were both profitable, it was

The Ong family is credited

with rejuvenating New Bond

Street by investing in state-of-

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open will include Canterbury, Halesowen in the West Midlands, Leicester, Liverpool, Northampton, Reading and York. The supercentres will be in Ashford, Cannock and Yeo-B&Q said it was keen to take on older workers. In recent

openings, about a quarter of

ing the acclaimed DKNY. I

has done this through Club 21

company, which has already

sold its London franchises for

Donna Karan, Prada and Bul-

eari amid a downturn in its

Club 21 said: "Both Guess

and Donna Karan decided to

change their strategies and

own their own stores. This hap-

pened at the same time as we

were thinking of selling, so the

Christina Ong and her hus-

band, Ong Beng Seng, still own Armani franchises in Lon-

don and Glasgow, and hotels.

fashion empire in Asia.

decision was mutual."

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The Guess style: moving on

Clothes shops face tough time, says consultant

By Sarah Cunningham, retail correspondent

A PAINFUL shake-up is inevita- House of Fraser, C&A, Rich- number of underperforming ble among clothing retailers because of a combination of sluggish demand, a huge increase in selling space and an unwillineness to innovate among some of the bigger players. Verdica, the retail consultan-

cy, identifies the likely winners and losers in its latest report on the clothing market. It says the strugglers will include Marks & Spencer, which has been through a period of extremely poor trading and is restructuring its business, and Bhs, which will suffer because M&S has begun lowering its ards and Monsoon, none of which has enjoyed good trading in recent months, are also expected to continue to struggle. Potential losers include Mackays, which is up for sale. Laura Ashley and Etam.

The winners, which have good ranges and a confident approach, are identified as Oasis, Warehouse, Next, New Look, George at Asda, Gap, Debenhams and Matalan. Top Shop. Principles, Evans and Burton, all part of the Arcadia group, are also considered to be strong brands. But with such a large

companies. Verdict believes that "the next 18 months will see intense pressure on many middle-market players, and weak share prices will create further buying opportunioes."

The clothing market grew only I per cent to £27 billion last year and with floor space increasing by 2.5 per cent, underlying sales were down 1.5 per cent. A total of 28 million square feet of floor space is coming on stream in the next four years.

At the same time, the numbers of high-spending 20 to 24-year-olds is set to decline.

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Budgets aren't what they used to be

ere we go again — the great Budget drama. Will he or won't he give such and such away? Will he raise this or cut that? I suspect that you, the reader. are no longer that much bothered. Budgets are not quite what they used to be. The interesting question is why not.

One answer is that it is all down to the personality of "Gordon the Prudent" or "The Iron Chancellor". He has taken all the fun out of it. I have no wish to deny Gordon Brown any personal credit but in my view the trend was al-ready established under the far from boring Kenneth Clarke.

it was Gordon Brown, though, who handed power over interest rates to the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) and at the same time tied himself up in fiscal rules which closely limited his room for manoeuvre. In the bad old days, base rates moved according to the political calendar. They usually fell during the Conservative Party conference in October and again during Budget week in March, sometimes having risen in between. In 1979, during the ascendancy of sado-monetarism, the Chancellor, then Sir Geoffrey Howe, even made a two-point increase in base rates the centrepiece of his Budget. (And, by the way, he was known as "Mogadon Man".) Of course, the Budget is still

related to interest rate policy. The tighter the Budget, the more likely that the MPC will cut interest rates. Indeed, there have been suggestions (which I suspect are wrongheaded) that last week's decision to leave interest rates on hold was because the Budget. the broad shape of which was revealed to the MPC, is going to be distinctly stimulatory. The Chancellor will have substantial fiscal scope. He will be able to announce a large surplus — a much better result than he forecast last year. It is likely that this is in good measure due to the effects of self-assessment for income tax. Rather surprisingly. this appears to have led to greater tax compliance. In economic terms, the implication

intended — thus, arguably, justifying a big tax cut. Even so, I think that a disunctly stimulatory Budget is unlikely. The Chancellor will be well aware that in the past. apparently good fiscal situations have had a way of turning sour. He should also have a main strategic consideration in mind. If he is serious about preparing Britain for euro membership then he should

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turned out to be tighter than



allow this partly inadvertent tightening of fiscal policy to make way for lower interest rates and a lower pound.

But why should we expect the Budget to be interesting and exciting? In which other country is the annual Budget regarded as a mixture of a dreaded meeting with a sort of super-bank manager and another episode of a muchwatched soap opera? Our traditional obsession with how many pence the Chancellor is going to add to the price of beer and cigarettes descends from the postwar austerity years when you were encouraged to think that any little pleasure was naughty. Interest in the macro questions is connected with the extraordinary rollercoaster of the British economy. At least until recently, the story has been of over-exuberant economic recoveries quickly having to be reversed. Budgets traced out

phy has narrowed enormousgiving money away one year and taking it back a few years ly. Furthermore, there has activism at both the macro There has also been a politiand micro level.

cal cycle at work. For most of the postwar period there has been a sharp difference of opinion between the parties about both the micro tax and expenditure issues and the macro questions of economic management. So the ebb and flow of the electoral cycle brought the opportunity and perceived need for substantial changes — which would be announced in the Budget.

Moreover, the prevailing intellectual orthodoxy supported fiscal activism at both the

macro and micro level. If some problem of economic structure or behaviour cropped up, this suggested a case for government intervention — either discouraging through tax impositions or encouraging through subsidies or tax breaks. The Byzantine structure of public expenditure and the complexity of our tax system are partly a legacy of this approach. But now things are radical-

ly different. The economy is not poised on a knife-edge even if we do experience a significant economic downturn bordering upon recession (which I still believe). Meanwhile, the difference between been a reaction against policy

Still, no Chancellor can resist the temptation to tinker a bit and there will doubtless be examples tomorrow. I expect that there will be various measures designed to boost spending on R&D, and something to help small firms. At the level of individual tax, politics, alas, is not quite dead. I suspect that the Chancellor will be unable to resist the lure of a 10p starting rate of tax, paid for by reduction or abolition of the 20p tax band. and further restriction, or even abolition, of tax allowances such as mortgage interest tax relief.

f this does prove to be about the size of it, I hope no one criticises the Chancellor for producing a boring Budget. It is a sign of both our economic success and our political maturity if the annual act of announcing numbers for government revenues and expenditure ranks some way down the list of favourite entertainments. In seeking to encourage a culture of stability and medium-term planning the Chancellor deserves a

TELEVISION CHOICE

Slow boat to disaster

BBC2, 8pm

A new series of the drama documentaries which reconstruct major events begins with the tragedy, ten years ago, when the 15-tonne dredger Bowbelle sheared into the superstructure of the Thames riverboat. The Marchioness, in the small hours of an August morning. Fifty-one passengers died even though more than 100 people managed to escape the sinking vessel. The average age of these partygoers was 25. With special effects worthy of Titanic we watch now, with the hindsight of two investigations, what appears to have happened. A drunk captain, disco music which had drowned out radio signals, no proper warning lights on the larger vessel, restricted views from the bridges of both craft . . . the list goes on and on.

Kavanagh QC ITV. 9pm

Opening with a spectacular air crash, the returning series follows on sharpish with the pilot returning series follows on sharpish with the pilot of the jet committing suicide. Scene-settlers don't come more vivid than this. And it is a tribute to the script that the court examination of why the aircraft crashed is almost as tense as the opener. It's certainly more intricate: here are plots within plots — sad little stories which date back to the Baader-Meinhof days. Exemplary performances all round with Amanda Ryan outstanding as a misguided latterday terrorist and Nicholas Jones supplying the gentle humour. John Thaw, of course, dominates.

Cutting Edge: Asylum

The Pleasures of the Table

The subtitle cuts both ways - once Friera Barnet in North London was a notorious — indeed, looking at old film downright creepy — hospital, the largest mental institution in Europe with grounds five times the size of Buckingham Palace and a working farm (hence the term "funny farm"). It was an asylum for some 2,500 patients. Today it has changed beyond recognition —

The era of the television cook has tended to make

The era of the television cook has tended to make the culture of cooking a visual art rather than the written one that it once was. So this series of readings from the writings of Elizabeth David, Patience Gray, Jane Grigson, Dorothy Hartley and M.F.K. Fisher is greatly to be welcomed. Today's reading is from David and begins with her return to England after the Second World War, somewhat constricted (at first) by rationing. But it seems not to have inhibited her cooking for long, thanks to friends and family arriving from all quarters with exotic food. These included "a sister

quarters with exotic food. These included "a sister who turned up from Vienna with a hare, which she claimed had beeen caught by hand outside the

John Thaw returns as the down-to-earth barrister Kavarlagh QC (ITV, 9pm)

though the vaulted corridors, sweeping grounds and Florentine belitower remain intact. It has been renamed Princess Park Manor and new residents are currently checking out its gorgeous apartments and peaceful gardens.

The Grimleys ITV. 10.30pm

Now here is an endearingly silly little series to be getting on with — although why this schoolboyish sittom isn't by day instead of by night is worth a ponder. Brian Conley plays an over-the-top bully boy games master named Digby at a council school in Dudley. He fancies the gorgeous English teacher (Arnanda Holden) who is in turn fancied, achingly, by one of her more nerdish pupils. Gordon Grimley (James Bradshaw). Gordon, for reasons which escape me, is cast as Romeo in the school play and Doug "Dynamo" Digby is not best pleased. Like that other somewhat wobbly newcomer. Days Like These, the action takes place in the 1970s but it's none-the-worse for that. Nigel Planer and Slade's Noddy Holder are among the cast, though so far Planer has had nothing to do but drowse in front of the television. He's on strike you see.

Britain should emulate success the American way

Convergence with euroland

and surrender of sterling is recipe for disaster, says

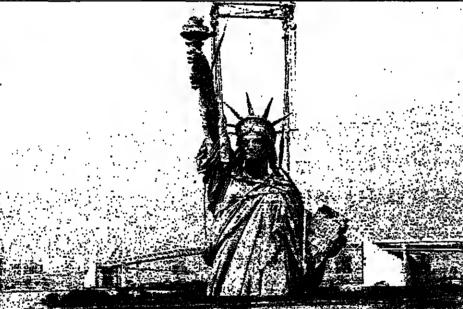
John Redwood

t's official: there is an American way of enter-prise and it is better than the European way. That much has now been stated by our own Prime Minister. In his recent statements he has told us that Europe needs to follow the US's path of lower taxes, less regulation, a more positive environment for business. The trouble is that the Budget and the euro scheme we see before us point in exactly the opposite direction.

The Labour Government's strategy is not pulling us closer to the US, it is taking us perilously close to incorporation in the European model. We see day by day the Government

designed to get us to converge with the Continent rather than with the US. Taxes have gone up, interest rates went up and stayed up for many months, the exchange rate was put up: it was all a deliberate attempt to slow the UK economy down and make it as sluggish in its performance as the French and German.

Government importing a large number of rules and regulations from the Continent that all serve to make it dearer to do business in Britain. We have adopted a minimum wage with few exemptions, working hours restrictions and invited in whatever comes next from



Model to follow: the continental economy has fewer dynamic young businesses than the US

rules on other things.

The costs of Britain's policy are already becoming prodigious. Over the past four years the US has grown by 4.5 per cent more than Germany. The UK was closer to the US performance than to the German, but was slowing almost to a standstill. In a couple of years the UK is likely to lose 5 per cent of national income compared with the position if it was keeping pace with the American way. That means that every adult in the country will be worse off by £1,000 of income each than if we had

followed the US model.

Some years ago all the politi-cal parties and the business leaders of Britain thought the exchange-rate mechanism would bring us prosperity. They talked of a golden scenario. Disaster struck, companies floundered, many jobs were lost and business was mightily relieved when the experiment ended. Now some of those same people want us to try again, this time converging with euroland and then surrendering our separate currency. They admire Gordon Brown's budgetmanship designed to

bring this about. We can already see the cost.

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WORD-WATCHING

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foundation of most Indian thought. They are intuitive rather than logical in form, but exhibit a vivid sense of spiritual reality.

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SOLUTION TO WINNING MOVE

many exemptions in its low minimum wage and fewer and jobs are lost in manufactur- spent on creating jobs. ing industry. The textile, steel and engineering heartlands are in sharp retreat. The gap between what we make and earn and what the US makes and

> earns gets ever wider. The Government parrots the slogan that it is abolishing boom and bust, Industrialists would say that all it has done is brought on an earlier and deeper bust than it need have. Is industry never to recover? It is in recession now: what else can the Government's sil-

ly slogan mean? The continental economy finds it difficult to create jobs. It has a much smaller population of enterprising and dynamic young businesses than the US. Success is often penalised by the taxman or throttled by the regulator. There are much higher taxes on income, on savings, on capital gains and on investment.

Gordon Brown's Budgets have hit business hard, taking £25 billion out of their cashflow over the lifetime of this Parliament through higher taxes. That's money which otherwise would have been available to spend on jobs and new investment. The Government has imposed another £15 billion of extra costs from all its regulations.

The Government has decided that sacrificing industry is a price worth paying to get us to converge with Europe. The DTI has said in its Competitiveness White Paper that Britain should switch from industry to high-tech and services.

he policy is cer-tainly forcing de-industrialisation on the UK. In tomorrow's Budget I expect more of the same. Stealth taxes on business. a strategy designed to make us go at Europe's pace, not the US's, laced with the harsh rhetoric of a trade war with the world's number one economic superpower. It is not an attractive cocktail. It is bad for business. It means we are going to get a lot more than £1,000 a year poorer as a result of doing it the European way, while

saying it the American way.
The Opposition says to the
Chancellor, throw away that Budget script, forget about the need to converge, really do it the US way. Then we could have lower unemployment, more businesses and more success.

John Redwood is Shadow Secretary of State for Trade and In-

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RADIO CHOICE

Afternoon Play: The Girl From Aries Radio 4, 2.15pm

There is an unusual aspect to L'Arlesienne & Alphonse Daudet's play of which this is a trans-Apponse Datoers play of which has a disas-lation, in that many more people will recognise the accompanying music, which was written by Bizet, than are likely to have heard the play itself. Michael Robson's adaptation features extracts from the stirring and melodic musical score. The play itself is an intriguing and salutary tale set in 1862 It is exempted to a story of the imprentited law. 1862. It is essentially a story of the unrequited love of a young man, brought up by his mother and grandfather after the death of his father, for a girl from the town of Aries. It seems a perfect match, but what will be the consequences of the intervention of another young man, claiming that the girl is "no better than a slut"? Peter Barnard

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5.00am The World Today 7.00 World News 7.15 This Woman

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5.30em Zoe Ball 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00pm Jo Whiley 2.00 Mark Raddiffe 4.00 Dave Pearce 5.45 Newsbeat 6.00 Dave Pearce 8.00 Lamacq Live. Featuring Orbital, and a feature on the Manic Street Preachers' album Everything Must Go-12.00am The Breezeblock 2.00 Cive Waren 4.00 Scott Mils

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RAOIO 5 LIVE (BBC)

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6.00esn On Air Petroc Trelawny reviews the first concert of Towards the Millernium — The 1980s, conducted this weekend by Simon Rattle 9.00 Mesterworks with Peter Hobday, Stravinsky (Fireworks); Schickhardt, after Coretti (Sonata in F); Haydn (Symphony No 94 in G, Surprise); Brahms (Missa canonica, Sanctus); Stravinsky (The Firebird, 1910 version)
10.30 Artist of the Week Joan Bakewell talks to the Koraan violinist Kyung-Wha Chung
11.00 Sound Stories: Indian Summers Donald Macleod explores the work of Heinrich Schutz
12.00pm Composer of the Week Frederick Delius
1.00 The Radio 3 Lumchtime Compart Live from the Wigmore Hall, London, Cecile Ousset, plano
2.00 The BBC Orchestrae BBC Soutish Symphomy Orchestra under Osmo Vanska
4.00 Opera in Action Robert Lloyd reflects on the ways in which opera in America differs from elsewhere

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7.30 Performance on 3 Humphrey Carpenter Introduces a concert given last Saturday in the Royal Festival Hall as part of the Towards the Millennium festival. John Williams, guitar, City of Birmingham Symphony Chorus and Orchestra under Simon Rattle. Lutoslawski (Symphony No

3); Takemitsu (To the Edge of Dreams; Vers l'arc-en-ciel, Palma); John Adams (Harmontum)
9.20 Postsoript: Radio Poems — Lutlaby of Broadway by George Szirtes. For the third year running, Radio 3 has commissioned five of poets, to write a new poem for radio
9.40 Bach (Fentasia and Fugus in A minor, BWV904); Bob van Asperen, harpsichord
10.00 Volces in the first of two programmes, lain Burnside trawls through 75 years of recordings of Schubert songs
10.45 Mitching it Mark Russell and Robert Sandall introduce e session by Jocelyn Pook and her eight-piece ensemble
11.30 Jazz Notes Alyn Shipton talks to the drummer Alian Ganley

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1.00 Through the Night Includes 1.00 Schubert (Schwenengesang; Auf dem Strom) 2.10 Goldmark (Night Pices, Die Konigin von Saba) 2.15 Copland (Quiet City); Versouwer RSO under Mano Bemerdi 2.30 Brade (New Pavens and Gallierds) 3.00 Schools: Music Box 3.15 Something to Think About 3.30 EAL: Lef's Make a Story 3.45 Stories and Rhymes 4.00 Find Out 4.15 Maths Challenge 4.30 Hopscotch 4.45 Scottish Resources 7.9 5.00 Scriabin (Poeme satanique 5.05 Coretii (Trio Sontata in C minor, Op 1 No 8) 5.10 Zipoli (All'elevazione) 5.15 Mozart (Four Nottumos) 5.20 Weber (Clannet Concerio No 1)

5.30am World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast
5.40 Inshore Forecast 5.45 Prayer for the Day
5.47 Farming Today Presented by Charlotte Smith
6.00 Today With Sue MacGregor and Jernes Naughtie
9.00 Start the Week Discussion programme, hosted
by Jeremy Parman
9.45 (FM) Seriat: The Pleasures of the Table
Mauren O'Erien reads from Etzabeth David in
the first of five celebrations of food and wine. See
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9.45 (LW) Delly Service From Liverpool Cathedral. Director of music lan Tracey

10.00 Woman's Hour with Martha Keamey and guests

11.00 Tusing into Children Kirsty Wark looks at how children become articulate and filerate (4/5)

11.30 King of Bath Cornedy by Arnold Evans. Nash reveals his Welsin roots. With Devid Bamber, Eny Thomas, Andrew Wincott and Peter Gurn (3/6)

12.00 (LW) News Headlines; Shipping Forecast 12.00 pm (FM) News 12.04 You and Yours Consumer news and stories, with Liz Barcley and John Waite 1.00 The World at One with Nick Clarke 1.30 Counterpoint Second semi-final of the general knowledge music quiz, hosted by Ned Sherrin 2.00 The Archers Yesterdey's edition (r) 2.15 Afternoon Play: The Girt from Arles Michael Robson's adeptation of Alphonee Daudet's meiodrana L'Arlestenne. With John Woodvine, Mary Wimbush and Frances Jeater. See Choice 3.00 Money Box Live: 0670 010 0444 Vincent Duggleby takes listeners' cells on financial issues 3.30 Shoretimes insight no a range of British coastal communities, beginning with Studand Bay (r) 3.45 This Sceptred Isle Arna Massey nametes part 46 of the history of Britain (r) 4.00 The Food Programme Joenna Blythman investigates health concerns surrounding the use of antibiotics in Intensive chicken Larming (r)

4.30 Turning World Jenni Murray and guests look at human interest stories from around the world 5.00 PM with Kevin Bocquet and Nigel Wrench 8.00 Six O'Clock News 8.30 Just a Minute Jenny Eclair, Stephen Frost, Peter Jones and Tim Rice by to speak for 60 seconda without hesitation, repetition or deviation at the Corn Exchange, Brighton. With Nicholas Parsons 7.00 The Anchers 7.15 Front Row Arts review, with Mark Lawson 7.45 The Cry of the Bittern Environmental drama by Tim Jackson, sterring Rachel Atlans and Ian Pepperell. Broadcast earlier as part of Worman's Hour (16/30) (r) 8.00 Silent Sentence Peter White investigates the repercussions of crimes committed by one territy member against another. Last in sense (3/3) 8.30 Analysis Frances Caimcross examines how rates of pay are determined and the true value of workers to employers and society at large 9.00 Nature Mark Carwardine investigates Flonda's manatess, focusing on fossil evidence emerging in Jamaica of their links with the whale family 9.30 Start the Week Broadcast earlier (r) 10.00 The World Tonaght with Robin Lusting 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Emest Hemingway Centenary — The Sun Also Rises John Startan reads part six of Hemingway's acclaimed novel 11.00 Feer on 4: Crimes at Bidmight — Prepare to be Scared? By Nick Fisher. A physicist lands himself in deep trouble. David Suchet and John Rowe star (r) 11.30 (LW) Today in Parliament Political news John Updike recalls a litetime's obsession (r) 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

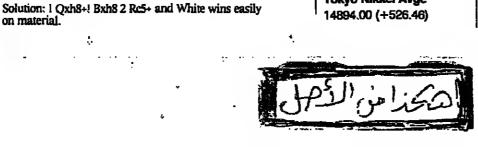
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A primitive challenge for the TV masses

aire? (ITV, Priday) is back for a new series. "Who Wants To Watch People Pailing To Get Anywhere Near Being A Millionaire? would seem a more appropriate title. This is, in every respect, a

deeply primitive programme.
All you need to know, if you All you need to know, if you haven't seen it, is that the all-purpose celebrity presenter Chris Tarrant asks the contestants a series of multiple-choice general knowledge questions and if they get them right they win increasing game of money. There are one or sums of money. There are one or two fussy complications. The mon-ey goes up in levels, and if they get an answer wrong their winnings drop back to the last level. They get three "lifelines". They can ring a friend for help once, have the possible answers reduced from four to two once, and ask the audience to tell them the answer once. But these are merely diverting

fripperies from the main point which is watching a thicko get lots of money for answering easy questions. I don't know why this should

be entertaining, but it is.

Some readers may find the word

"hicko" unkind, arrogant, elitist
even. Not, I suspect, those who have seen the show, though. This is Lowest Common Denominator television and the questions are carefully pitched so that they will not alienate the target audience. Viewer identification is crucial, and some of them probably have difficulty remarks. difficulty remembering the way to their front door. For them naming the capital of Finland is as challenging as quantum physics. Fearful, no doubt, that more alert viewers might get scornful, Tarrant keeps reminding us that "It's only easy if you know the answer. Some of the questions are only easy if you haven't spent your life in a catatonic trance. It is depressing that in a country so obsessed

with trivia quizzes, the level of gen-

eral knowledge is so low.

Tarrant's main job, of course, is to maintain the tension. The contestants are understandably nervous; their answers stiff and fumbling, betraying little hint of personality. Tarrant keeps things bubbling along with his jocular teasing, but he is also very adept at manipulating the situation.

n the earliest questions he laughs at the more absurd possible answers, thus indicating to the numb-nut on the Clapham omnibus that they might be wrong.
But he also uses subtler varia-

tions of tone and body language to help them through. It would spoil the fun if Dave from Bedfordshire fell at the first hurdle because he didn't know that emulsion, primer and undercoat are all types of paint. Tarrant's next trick is to look conREVIEW



Paul Hoggart

cerned and ask the contestants if they are happy with their answer. Normally this is code for "Wrong. Try again." But on another occa-sion he used it on Paul, a goateebearded former DJ from Reading, when he had correctly named HMS Victory as Nelson's flagship.

Paul looked worried and wasted a "lifeline" checking with the audience. I suspect Tarrant pulled this mean trick out of sheer boredom.

The show rambles on for the rest of the week. Maybe someone will pass through the genuinely difficult questions and win that million, but, hey, who cares?

The ITV companies may be responsible for the direst output of factual programming in living memory, but when it comes to comfy middlebrow drama they are still delivering the goods. Making bland television tasty is a harder trick than it looks. You need that secret blend of herbs and spices, or the junk food tastes stale and clammy. Actually the main ingredient in the success of A Touch Of Frost (ITV. Sunday) is short, balding and crabbily avuncular.

David Jason is constantly winning television popularity contests for the simple reason that he can make almost any character likeable. I always like to see him at awards ceremonies. With his hair washed and fluffed up he resembles a big silvery fur-ball. As detecly, a bit of a scruff, a sort of provin-cial English Columbo, in a "Man at C & A"-style anorak. But that just adds to the charm.

further secret ingredient must be the show's genile A must be use show be complex, not to say convoluted. Last night's tangled web involved a gay hospital porter with more aliases than someone with several aliases, a mysterious corpse, a burglary and the theft of a genuine Hockney. But there is none of the frantic urgency deemed essential in other cop shows, and events unfold at the sedate speed of a Sunday afternoon stroll, enlivened by a stream of nicely underplayed jokes. In an inversion of the "suspended cop" plot, Frost is forced to withdraw his resignation after the traumatic events which ended the last series. in order to clear up the mess left by his appalling record-keeping.

Much credit must go to Malcolm Bradbury's adaptation. which caught the eccentricities of the characters beautifully, white steering defily through the twists and turns of the plot. For a former tive writing course produced some Kazuo Ishiguro to use phrases like "answers on a postcard please"

the calm with chilling menace.

330: 8.00am Business Breakfast (67408) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (1) (52243). 9.00 Kilroy (T) (2753243) 9.45 Wipcout (8404668) 10.10 The Vanessa Show (T) (7642682) 10.55 News; Weather (1) (3202069) 11.00 Change That (3212446)

11.25 Can't Cook, Worr't Cook (T) (3282205) 11.55 News; Weather (T) (7160243) 12.00pm Call My Bluff (74576) 12.00pm Call My Dittil (/40/0) 12.30 Top Tip Challenge (r) (4736801) 12.55 The Weather Show (1) (53870601) 1.00 One O'Clock News (1) (55330) 1.30 Regional News; Weather (59709576) 1.40 Neighbours (T) (35849934) 2.05 Ironside (r) (5060779)

2.55 Through the Keyhole (r) (T) (8564494) 3.25 Children's BBC: Playdays (6606578) 3.45 Pocket Dragon (5251427) 3.55 Bodger and Badger (9981359) 4.10 Anthony Ant (6126953) 4.20 Tha Littlest Pet Shop (6979175) 4.35 Misery Guts (3280779) 5.00 Newsround, (4945205) 5.10 Blue Peter (9632392).

5.35 Neighbours (r) (1) (806576) 6.00 Six O'Clock News; Weather (1) (595) -6.30 Regional News Magazine (175) 7.00 A Question of Sport A football-managers special with guests Peter Reid, Bryan Robson, Steve Bruce and David

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7.30 Watchdog Healthcheck A report from California on a riew drug that is helping hundreds to give up smoking (f) (359)

8.00 EastEnders Louise promises never to leave again (T) (6392) 8.30 Mrs Merton and Malcolm Sitcom with Caroline Aherne (3/6) (1) (5427) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News;

Weather (1) (3663) 9.30 Animal Police Tony struggles to keep a horse on its leet until a vet arrives (12224) 10.00 Panorama Concerns about the increase

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ther first sexual experiences (f) (654595)

10.45 Bibly: Cosmolly's World: Tour of
Australia Bibly explores Sydney and
Newcastle (f) (f) (882576)

11.25 Harbour Lights (f) (f) (329717)



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Romantic comedy with Nastassia Kinski and Dudley Moore (12.15am)

12.15am Unfaithfully Yours (1983) conductor plans revenge on his wife, who conductor plans revenge on his wife, with budley Moore and Nastassja Kinski.

Directed by Howard Zeiff (1) (583793) 1.45 Weather (1574977) 1.50 BBC News 24 (22657921)

10.00 Labour of Love (4/5) (T) (75205) 10.30 Panorama (540088) 11.15 Billy Connolly's World Tour of Australia (r) (T) (691446) 11.55 Harbour Lights (r) (T) (652682) 12.45am FU.M: Unfaithfully Yours (T) (671199) 2.20 News (T) (9879644) 2.25 News 24 (58854712) -

7.00am CBBC Breakfast Show: Pingu (7671224) 7.05 Teletubbles (7184804) 7.30 Snorks (8533137) 7.50 Blue Peter (3641408) 8.20 Taz-Maria (5239789) 8.40 Polks Dot Shorts (1287446) 8.50 Romald the Reindeer (1276330) 9.00 Space Ark (7805446) 9.10 Short Circuit (4520021) 9.30 Writing and Pictures (8926427) 9.45 Storytime (8914682) 10.00 Teletubbles (27069) 10.30 Words and Pictures (9466156) 10.45 Cats Eyes (9454311) 11.00 Look and Read (3482756) 11.20 Zig Zig (3339156) 11.40 Landments (6710137) 12.00pm Job Benk (4243205) 12.10 History File (5415934) 12.30 Working Lunch (23330) 1.00 Romuald the Reindeer (88106576) 1.10 Wair Wallos Waterloo (i) (1) (41937972) 1.40 Hart-Davis on History Adam Hart-Davis BBQ2

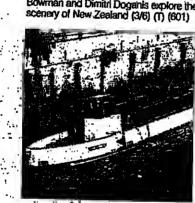
1.40 Hart-Davis on History Adam Hart-Davis visits Herrogate (35860427)
2.10 Award with Colour (55820576) 2.40 News; Weather (1) (3474866) 2.45 Match of Their Day A chat with Jack-Charlton (1) (4844040)

3.25 News (1); Turning Points (4918972) 3.35 The Village (r) (4611798) 3.55 Keye Advice show (9859243): . . 4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook (1) (6345088) 4.55 Esther Women in uniform (T) (5320069)

5.30 Today's the Day (T) (224) 6.00 Hir, Miss or Maybe Zoe Ball and guests review three pop videos (f) (T) (137224)
6.15 The Simpsons Homer is sent back to college (f) (770953)

6.40 The Ren and Stimpy Show (r) (643595) 7.00. Internal Affairs New series: Insight Into the work of British Phonographic Industry agents policing the trade against illegal counterreiting operators (1) (8514).

7.30 Rough Guide to the World Edith Bowman and Dimitri Doganis explore the



revealed at low tide (8pm)

8.00 Disaster New series. Reconstructions of the sinking of the pleasure boat Marchioness (T) (4934) 8.30 Food and Drink Antony Worral Thomp-7 % son celebrates British besf (T) (3069) 9.50 Births, Marriages and Deaths Terry finds consolation with Alex (1) (577446) 9.55 Five Go Mad in the Kitchen Celebrities demonstrate recipes (1) (801798) 10.00 If I Ruled the World (89525)

10.30 Newanight With Kirsty Wark (1) (531330) 11.15 Tribe Young women who have decided to convert to Islam (1) (172750) 11:45 Bitesize Britain (1) (449088)

11.55 Weather (879330) 12.00am Despetich Box (51915)
12.30 BBC Learning Zone: Open University:
Persisting Dreams 1.30 Off with the
Mask: TV in the 1960s 2.00 Schools:

Science 4.00 Languages: Talk Spenish, 1-4 5.00 Business and Training: Skills for -Work 5.45 Open University: Marten Van Heemskerck 5.10. Humanity and the Scaffold 6.35 A University Without Walls

HTV 5.30am (TV Morning News (31458) 6.00 GMTV (5917601)

9.25 Trishs (T) (8149330) 10.30 This Morning (T) (44761224) 12.15pm HTV News and Weather (4259866) 12.30 ITV Lunchtime News (f) (4738069) 12.55 Shortland Street Rachel loses out to an old rival (9165779)

1.30 Home and Away Geraldine lets her nask drop (T) (35878446)

1.55 The Jerry Springer Show Outrageous American talk show (T) (8331250)

2.40 Wheel of Fortune (T) (2164458)

3.10 ITV News Headlines (T) (4993663) 3.15 HTV News (4992934)

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(9953576) 3.55 Oggy and the Cockroaches (5242779) 4.05 tt's a Mystery
(6338798) 4.30 Polterguests (798) 5.00 Home and Away (*) (T) (2576)
5.30 WEST: Garden Calendar Horicultural tips courtesy of gardening expents Alan and Felicity Down (750)

5.30 WALES: House to House New series. Home makeovers in Aberfan (750) 5.58 HTV Weather (491934) 6.00 HTV News (1) (663)

6.30 ITV Evening News; Weather (T) (243) 7.00 Wish You Were Here? Anthea Turner explores Namibia and Judith Chalmers returns to St Tropez (1) (5040) 7.30 Coronation Street lan begs Sharon for another chance (1) (427)

8.00 Who Wants To Be a Millionaire Ultimate big-prize game show (T) (1088) 8.30 Cop Shop New fly-on-the-wait documentary series cherting the day-to-day dramas at Gosport police station in Hampshire (1/8) (1) (7345)

9.00 Kevanagh QC New series. John Thew returns as the resourceful barrister (1/4) (1) (9088)



A new sitcom set in a 1970s council school (10.30pm

10.30 The Grimleys New sitcom set in the 1970s (1/8) (1) (79021) 11.00 ITV Nightly News; Weather (1) (304156) 11.20 HTV News and Weather (725507)

11.30 Fitz Part one. A series of apparently racial murders cause headaches for the police as the body-count mounts and tensions in the office reach boiling-point. Robert Pastorelli stars (T) (43953) 12.30am Football Extra Football League highlights (63460) 1.30 World Football (r) (24660)

2.00 Dr Philipes Rises Again (1972)
Disfigured genius Dr Philipes returns from the grave to search for an elbir of life. Tongue-in-cheek horror sequel, staming Vincent Price and Robert Quarry. Directed by Robert Fuest (712847) 3.35 Trisha Shown earlier (r) (T) (2929199) 4.35 ITV Nightscreen Behind the scenes of ITV programmes (46784064)

5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (20606)

CENTRAL As HTV West except.

12.20-12.30pm Central News (7497934) 12.55 Home and Away (4746088) 1.25 The Jerry Springer Show (4301682) 2.10-2.40 High Road (56640330)

3.15-3.20 Central News |4992934| 5.30 Shortland Street (750) 5.59 Travel Update (491934) 8.00-6.30 Central News at Six (663) 11.20-11.30 Central News; Weather (725507) 4.30am Central Jobfinder '99 (4745731)

5.20-5.30 Asian Eye (3544118) WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except:

12.15-12.27pm Westcountry News; Weather (4259366) 12.27-12.30 Small Talk, Big Talk (7405953) 12.55-1.25 Westcountry Lunchtime Live; Weather (4746088)

1.25 The Jerry Springer Show (4301682) 2.10-2.40 Home and Away (56640330) 3.15-3.20 Westcountry News; Weather (4992934).

4.58-5.00 Birthday People (7008885) 5.30 Animal SOS (750) 6.00 Westcountry Live; Weather (663) 11.20-11.30 Westcountry News; Weather (725507)

MERIDIAN As HTV West except: 12.15pm-12.30 Meridian News; Weather (4259866) 5.30 Country Ways (1) (750) 6.00-6.30 Meridian Tonight (1) (663) 7.29-7.30 Meridian Weather (154311) 11.20 Meridian News; Weather (1) (732040) 11.35-12.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H (968430) 5.00am-5.30 Freescreen (1) (20606)

ANGLIA As HTV West except. 12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (7416069) 12.20-12.30 Anglia News and Weather (7497934) 5.30-5.35 Take it On (412427) 5.35-6.00 Anglia News Monday Extra; Weather (1) (824972) 6.00-6.30 Anglia News (1) (663) 11.19 Anglia Air Watch (439576) 11.20-11.30 Anglia News and Weather (1) (725507)

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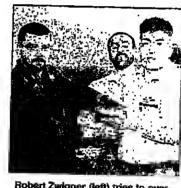
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11.30 Here's One ! Made Earlier (r) (T) (7866) 12.00pm Sesame Street (T) (90514) 12.30 Bewitched (r) (T) (25798) 1.00 Pet Rescue (T) (48040)

1.30 Son for Sait Short lilm about a spoilt brail who gets his comeuppance (35876088) 1.55 Rotten to the Core (1965) A gang of ex-convicts led by Anton Rodgers plan to steal an army payroll. British cornedy with James Beckett and Eric Syles. Directed by John Boulting (T) (75468514)

3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (791) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (1) (156) 4.30 Countdown (T) (3207446) 4.55 Montel Williams (T) (5315137) 5.30 Pet Rescue (1) (392)

6.00 Roseanne (r) (T) (205) 6.30 Hollycaks Jas faces the music (1) (885) 7.00 Channel 4 News; Weather (T) (300514) 7.50 The Outlaw Michael Heath's animation about the last smoker in Britain (1/5) (1)



Robert Zwigger (left) tries to over-come his phobla of reptiles (8pm)

8.00 To the Ends of the Earth The rap artist and hearse-driver Robert Twigger sets out to claim \$50,000 offered by the Bronx Zoo for anyone who can provide them with a 30ft snake (3/6) (T) (4021)

9.00 CHOICE Cutting Edge Rellections on the redevelopment of Friend Barnel Hospital (T) (4885)

10.00 Wes Craven's New Nightmare (1994) Premiere Unusual twist on the Freddy krueger theme, as the Nightmare on Elm Street actors Robert England and Heather Langenkamp discover that the fictional killer has come to life. Directed by Wes Craven (64870243)

12.05am Access All Areas The fight to allow a Bellast leenager with Down's syndrome to attend a mainstream school after two years spent at home (T) (9008267) 12.40 An Angel at My Table (1990) Biopic of

the New Zeeland novelist and poet Janet Frame, who had schizophrenia wrongly diagnosed and spent eight years in a mental hospital With Karry Fox. Directed by Jane Campion (T) (66690606) 3.25 Powerhouse Political update (r) (T)

(18527098) 3.35 Right to Reply Viewers' comments (r) (93046538)

3.55 Stroke Short film about a keen swimmer (r) (73558996) 4.00 Schools: All About Us (72606)

Professor of Literature whose creaof our finest contemporary novelists. Bradbury is certainly not afraid to use cliches, though. I bet he didn't teach Rose Tremain and and "chop, chop". The BBC, on the other hand, pre-

fers gritty realism. It is remarkable that in the past year it produced two new police series of such quality as Cops and City Central (BBCl, Saturday), which returned last week. Like Frost, City Central is restrained and slow, but it is punctuated by moments of shocking violence, a man thrown from a window for instance, which invest

6.00am 5 News and Sport Headlines, sport and business (5701066) 7.00 WideWorld Part 12. Paul Cora

(r) (T) (8198359) 7.30 Mtikshake! (2613885) 7.35 Wimzle's House (r), 5 News Update

8.00 Havakazoo (r) (2815137) 8.30 Dappledown Farm (r): 5 News Update (2814408)

9.00 Was It Good for You? Holiday reports (r) (8787705) 9.25 Russell Grant's Postcards (4474156) 9.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (1138935) 10.20 Sunset Seach Does Ben still love Maria? (T) (3661798)

11.10 Leeza (r) (2367327) 12.00pm 5 News at Noon (T) (2818224) 12.30 Family Affairs Gabby learns of Chre's short-lived affair (r) (T); 5 News Update (1296446)

1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Clarke ditches his designs (T) (8180330) 1.30 The Roseanne Show Entertainment show (r); 5 News Update (1295717) 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (9174446)

2.30 Good Afternoon Lifestyle magazine, 5 News Update (1772934) 3.30 Shootdown (TVM 1988) A woman sets out to Investigate a hushed-up aeroplane disaster in which her son was killed. True-life drama, staming Angela Lansbury. Directed by Michael Pressman (D. 19803071)

(1) (8693971) 5.20 Sunset Beach Shown earlier (r) (1); 5 News Update (3745224)

8.00 100 Per Cent Computer-generaled quic (2418427) 6.30 Family Affairs Pete threatens Claire (T) (2409779)

7.00 5 News; Weather Kirsty Young rounds up the day's stories (1) (9145964)
7.30 Natural Passions A report on Donald Perry's revolutionary system for exploring the canopies of ranforests (1), 5 News Undate 124986831 Update (2498663)

8.00 Instant Gardens The team visit Burbage in Leiceslershire to create a minimalist Pickard (5/14) (1) (9154682)

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Private hospitals urged to pass on £100m VAT windfall .

By Marianne Curphey INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

MEDICAL insurers are threatening legal action to force private hospitals to pass on a £100 million VAT windfall they are enjoying as a result of a court victory against Customs and Excise.

Private hospitals began reclaiming VAT after winning a landmark legal bat-tle which allowed them to recover from Customs the VAT paid on drugs and some surgical appliances used in treat-

ment and operations.

BUPA, which controls one of the largest

try, has already added almost £30 million to its balance sheet as a result of reclaimed VAT.

Now medical insurers who sent their customers to private hospitals believe that since it was they who paid the final bill for treatment, the VAT refund should be passed on to them.

Paul Saper, healthcare analyst with Laing & Buisson, estimated the total VAT windfall due to private hospitals could be as high as £100 million, of which a signifi-cant proportion might be due to medical insurers. Among the medical insurers cur-

network of private hospitals in the country, has already added almost £30 million rently negotiating for repayments are type and well are the company could be owed up to £4 million in VAT Prime Health declined to say how much it had recovered so far but said it was "still actively pursuing a positive resolution" in negotiations with hospital networks. A spokeswoman for the company said: "Looking after our customers' interests and negotiating the keenest prices for them are of paramount importance and.

as such, discussions are continuing with various hospital groups regarding previous incorrect charging of VAT in certain areas. Some monies have been recovered." Julian Stainton, managing director of

and interest payments from private hospitals. He said: "Some of the £30 million that BUPA has already received from Customs and Excise should have been passed on to us. The big hospital groups appear, however, to be extremely reluctant to cooperate. We are currently in negotiations but if we do not secure a proper settlement we will contemplate taking legal action to recover this money."

A spokesman for PPP healthcare said:
"Where hospitals have recovered VAT we are working with them to identify and re-

cover the amount of money due to us as a medical insurance company."

BUPA, which is due to report its results next month, said the £30 million included in last year's results was "a one-off pay-ment" which was unlikely to be repeated. The VAT refund related to the period between 1979 and 1996.

A spokesman for the company, which owns 36 private hospitals and has 1,900 hospital beds, said the reclaimed VAT was "ploughed back into the business to improve the facilities in our hospitals".

The ruling by the Court of Appeal two

years ago was the culmination of a five-

year struggle. The case was brought in 1992 by a group of private health companies to contest a Customs and Excise niling that private hospitals could not re-claim VAT on purchases of medical supplies. The issue hinged on whether pharmaceuticals and some surgical devices. and prosthetics, such as pacemakers or

and prosinencs, such as paternakers or hip replacements, should be regarded as zero-rated or exempt for VAT purposes.

A spokeswoman for Customs and Excise said after the ruling, which came into force early last year, that certain drugs, medicines and applicances used in hospitals were now zero-rated for VAT.

UB chief to call the tune at EMI

By RAYMOND SNODDY MEDIA EDITOR

IN ONE of the most surprising boardroom shake-ups of recent years, Eric Nicoli. chief executive of United Biscuits, the struggling McVi-nies and KP group, is to suc-ced Sir Colin Southgate as executive chairman of EMI, the international music and

recording group.

EM1, which has previously been criticised over boardroom benefits, is to pay Sir Colin £800,000 in lieu of the final year of his contract, although he is leaving as planned. Mr Nicoli has been a non-ex-

ecutive director of EM1 since 1993. He will become chairman designate at the beginning of May and take over formaily as chairman when Sir Colin retires at the end of July.

UB announced yesterday that 48-year-old Mr Nicoli, who has been chief executive there since 1991, will be succeeded by Leslie Van Walle, a is currently chief executive of the key McVitie's Group. Colin Short, UB's non-executive chairman, will also step down

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As part of the changes at EMI, Sir Dominic Cadbury, another non-executive director, will become become joint deputy chairman and the senior non-executive from July, in succession to Sir Peter

The global search for a suc-cessor to Sir Colin, who has been EMI chairman since 1989 and who is also chairman

Nicoli: takes over in July in May. He will be replaced by Sir Gordon Hourston, 64, a non-executive director, formerly of Boots the Chemist.

permarket own brands.

During his years in charge Sir Colin has presided over the radical restructuring of Thorn EMI, including the disposal of more than 100 businesses, culminating in the demerger of Thorn from EMI in 1996.

By JASON NISSE

AS THE Formula One season

got under way in Melbourne

yesterday, the \$2 billion (El.24 billion) Eurobond being is-

sued by Bernie Ecclestone's Formula One administration

appears still to be stalled on

the starting grid.
The launch of the bond was

first announced in late Sep-

tember and a prospectus was

sent to more than 150 prospec-

tive investors in early Novem-

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There was a presentation by

Mr Ecclestone and his invest-

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tempt to float Formula One.

music industry figure. Ken Berry and Martin Bandier will remain chief executives

of the two EMI businesses -Recorded Music and Publishing. They will report to Mr Nicoli, as will Simon Duffy. joint deputy chairman and group finance director. The company said: "In the

of the Royal Opera House, has

led to uncertainty at the music

group. In choosing Mr Nicoli

the board has opted for gener-

al business skills rather than a

light of the important roles of Ken Berry and Martin Bandier in the group's businesses, they [the board] have unanimously concluded that the appointment of an executive chairman who brings complementary skills and experience would provide the most effec-

tive structure for EMI."

Apart from knowing EMI, the UB chief executive had operated in "highly competitive consumer-orientated businesses. nesses throughout his career". Before joining United Biscuits in 1980 Mr Nicoli began his marketing career with Rowntree Mackintosh. In recent years he has had a tough time at UB trying to compete with strong rivals such as Pepsico's Walkers Crisps brands and pressure

on biscuit margins from su-UB revealed four days ahead of schedule that its 1998 pre-tax profits edged up as the City expected from £106.2 million to £110.1 million before exceptional items linked to acquisitions. Along with millennium expenses, these are expect-ed to cost £30 million.



Guinness has found its way into the Himalayas with the announcement that the Mount Everest Brewery has begun hrewing the black stuff. The brewery, based in Nepal, has started producing the famous

stout just in time for St Patrick's Day on March 17. Nepal is the 50th country in which Guinness is brewed. The deal between Guinness and the Mount Everest Brewery will see the Nepalese company

brew and distribute the stoot at 130 bars in the capital city, Kathmandu. The beer will also be transported by yak to the world's highest inns, the "Tea Houses" serving

Plea for tax breaks on floats

By Paul Armstrong

THE London Stock Exchange has asked the Government for tax breaks on the cost of raisproposal to make public listings more attractive to smaller companies.

The request, which is understood to be a key part of the Ex-change's pre-Budget submission, is in response to growing fears about the flight of investment capital away from the small company sector. The Ex-change believes tax relief on the costs of flotation would reduce a major deterrent to joining its ranks.

it wants the breaks made available to companies with market capitalisations of up to £250 million, although this figure is not firm. However, it has stopped short of asking that similar relief apply to the cost of fund-raisings by companies already listed.

Costs, such as underwriting, accounting, legal and public relations fees, are estimated to consume an average of 10 per cent of the money raised in

This is thought to be signifi-cantly higher for many smaller companies, which raise smaller amounts and can do less of the work in-house than their larger counterparts.

The Government is understood to have given Stock Exchange officials no indication of whether the proposal would be adopted in this week's Budger. More than 60 per cent of UK companies have a market capitalisation of less than £100

The collective size of the sector is also highlighted by the FTSE All-Small index, which accounts for 78 per cent of companies listed on the main mar-

But these statistics are doing nothing to help the sector's

BMW Rover pledge expected

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BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BMW is this week expected to commit itself to building a new small-to-medium size Rover car. But the German car company is not likely to follow the announcement with a pledge on the future of Long-bridge, Rover's Birmingham

plant, despite applying to the Government for aid last week. It is thought that the future of Longbridge will be sealed next week at BMW's next su-

pervisory board meeting.

BMW's belated application for about £200 million of state aid has raised hopes that the company is serious about maintaining Longbridge. Stephen Byers, the Trade and Industry Secretary, has made it clear that the Government is willing to give financial help to secure the survival of Longbridge -upon which 50,000 jobs in the West Midlands are dependent.

Launch aid for new manufacturing projects are gauged on the business plans of the new development and the cash in-put from the company. BMW is thought to have held extensive talks with Department of Trade and Industry officials so that its application did not fail or was forced to be modified substantially. Its bid is now ikëly to be grant

Although the application is a positive move for Longbridge, it does not mean the plant will survive in its present form or that the new model will be built there. BMW will unveil its plans for the new model at the Geneva Motor Show this week.

WTO to hear banana protest

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE WORLD Trade Organisation will meet in an emergency session today as Europe presses for condemnation of the United States over its banana row sanctions.

The meeting follows a series of top-level exchanges between Britain and the US, including meeting between Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, and Madeleine Albright, his US opposite number, and a telephone call between Tony Blair and Bill Clinton.

Britain is furious about the sanctions against some European Union goods because of the effect on the cashmere in-

All 134 members of the WTO will be present in Geneva today for the summit, Southgate: £800,000 payoff | which was called by the EU.

Formula One Eurobond

investors await green light

days later. A few days after

that, Warburg Dillon Read

and Merrill Lynch, two of the

leading brokers of Eurobond.

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syndicate to market the bond.

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about \$1.2 billion and that

Westl.B. the German bank.

was leading a small group of

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that it was continuing to mar-

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of no news and little apparent

activity on the marketing of

the bond. Morgan Stanley

After a couple more months

WestLB has materialised.

Then came a rumour that

Although the organisation cannot instruct the US to end the sanctions, Europe hopes that its condemnation will force a climbdown.

The US is aggrieved that Europe favours Caribbean bananas over Latin American ones distributed by American

Yesterday Clare Short, the International Development Secretary, became the latest Cabinet minister to attack the US's action. She told the BBC's On the Record programme that the US should abide by WTO rules.

Today Brian Wilson, the Trade Minister, will visit Scottish cashmere manufacturers and union representatives. About 2,500 jobs are at risk because of the sanctions.

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bond to potential investors.

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Many of these potential in-

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One's television contracts. Mr

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